

# Connect Care Cleaning and Disinfecting of Mobile Electronic Devices

**Note:** For more information, refer to the IPC Best Practice Recommendation for [Bedside Computers and Electronic Devices](#) and the [Steps for Disinfecting Telehealth Equipment and Peripheral Devices Poster](#). If you have any questions or comments contact IPC at [ipc survstdadmin@ahs.ca](mailto:ipc survstdadmin@ahs.ca).



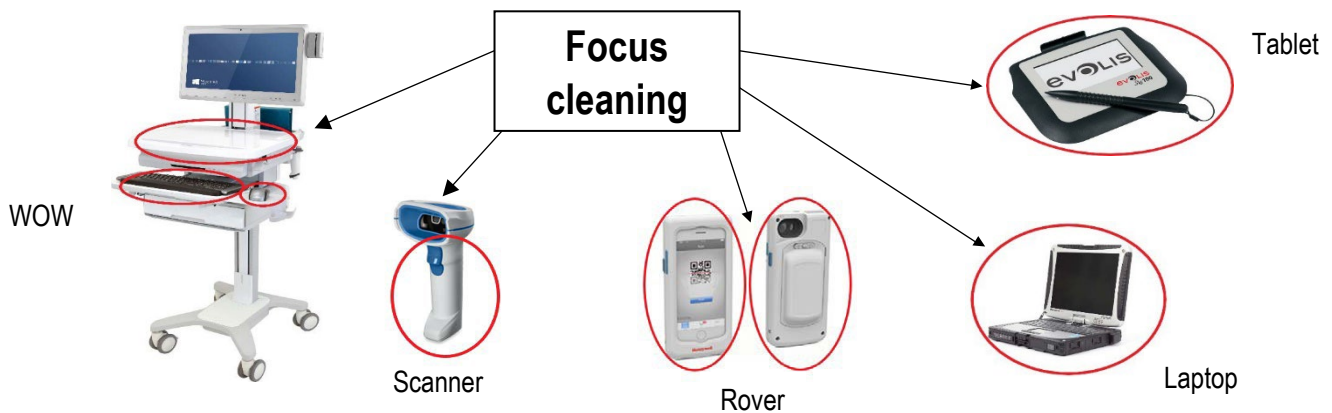
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## Best practice recommendations

Mobile electronic devices may include: workstations on wheels (WOW), rovers, tablets, laptops, pagers, phones or personal digital assistants.

**Hand hygiene is the most important factor in preventing transmission of microorganisms.**



- Disinfect all devices before the first use in your shift
- Disinfect when returning a device to a charging station or storage area
- Disinfect all devices when visibly soiled and as outlined in table below
- Replace electronics when grossly contaminated, e.g., saturated with blood or body fluids or cleaning does not remove visible soil

**Note: High touch** means those surfaces that have frequent contact with hands.

| Mobile electronic device                                      | Additional cleaning  | Disinfectant products  |
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| Laptops, scanners (including rovers), signature pads, tablets | Between patients   | Follow manufacturer's instructions for use (MIFU). Examples of products that may be indicated in the MIFU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol swabs and wipes</li> <li>• Combination products such as alcohol/quaternary ammonium, e.g., CaviWipes®</li> <li>• Hydrogen peroxide products such as accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) products, e.g., Virox RTU®, Accel®, Oxivir®</li> </ul> |
| Workstation on Wheels (WOW)                                   | Between patients if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOW is used within 2 meters of the patient</li> <li>or</li> <li>• WOW is used with contaminated hands (e.g., during a care process)</li> </ul> |  |
| Rovers  | Between patients   | Do not use accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) products such as Oxivir TB™ on rovers as they will damage the plastic. Bleach products or other <a href="#">RTU disinfectants</a> may be used instead.  |

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