

<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<u><a href="#">Disinfecting Procedure for Mobile Tablets</a></u>	
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<b>Department:</b>	Infection Control Hospital Administration Medical Staff	
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Mobile tablets are becoming more popular in the healthcare environment; however, they may carry nosocomial pathogens due to the various ports and crevasses.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To ensure that appropriate cleaning is performed as required to aid in preventing the transmission of infection, and to ensure actions are taken to keep equipment maintained in optimal functionality and cleanliness.

**(C) Procedure**

Disinfecting Products & Equipment Needed:

- a. A large clear plastic, sealable storage bag for mobile tablet
- b. PDI Easy Screen Cleaning Wipes or similar product that is 70% isopropyl alcohol

Procedure:

- c. Perform hand hygiene.
- d. Place mobile tablet in clear plastic bag and seal
- e. Take into patient room to utilize mobile tablet.
- f. After patient use, don clean gloved hands, unseal plastic bag and remove mobile tablet, discard plastic bag.
- g. Disinfect the mobile tablet using 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe (e.g. PDI Easy Screen), gently wipe the hard, non-porous surfaces. Do not saturate or submerge in cleaning products.
- h. Disinfected mobile tablet should be handed to another clean staff member outside of patient room or at the threshold of doorway or area.
- i. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
- j. If using mobile tablet from one patient room to another, place the mobile tablet in a new plastic bag with each patient use and disinfect as stated in (e), (f) & (g) above before placing in a new plastic bag.
- k. Once finished with mobile tablet store in secure location.
- l. Perform hand hygiene.

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