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(A) Policy Statement

Mobile tablets and other handheld scanning devices 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 and disinfection 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

1. Disinfecting Products & Equipment Needed:
 - (a) Mobile tablets and devices will be cleaned and disinfected at point of use with a hospital approved EPA registered disinfectant.
 - (b) Perform hand hygiene prior to donning gloves.
 - (c) Don gloves according to manufacturer’s recommendations prior to using disinfectant wipes.

2. Select disinfectant wipe per manufacture instructions for the selected device and wipe according to the manufacturer’s instructions for use.
 - (a) Take precautions when using electronic devices in Contract Precautions-D rooms as bleach is not always recommended for all products.

3. Prior to disinfection, unplug device from power source.

4. Clean and disinfect the mobile device gently wiping the surfaces.
 - (a) Do not saturate or submerge in cleaning products.
 - (b) Disinfect device before and after use on each patient.

5. Perform hand hygiene before and after gloving and after disinfection completed.

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