Reducing the Transmission of Infectious Diseases

A top priority in the healthcare industry is to prevent patients from getting infections while they are in healthcare facilities, referred to as healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

GUIDELINES FOR OPERATING ROOM (OR) PROCESSING AFTER SURGERIES

- Do not remove any equipment or supplies from the OR.
- Notify environmental services of high-risk infectious diseases in the OR.
- **Clean terminal per protocol after the OR has been unoccupied for one hour.**
- All trash and linen are double bagged.
- Close case cart, wipe off outside, and transport to central sterile supply for reprocessing on-site.
- Process case cart per infectious disease protocol. Minimize transport and exposure.

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Operating room terminals built with hygienically-designed medical PCs can help healthcare facilities battle the spread of infectious diseases. See below how medical PCs can help reduce OR processing time and shorten operating room turnover time.

HYGIENE-FOCUSED MEDICAL PCS	EASE OF CLEANING	STANDARD MEDICAL PCS
HIGH	OUTER HOUSING	LOW
ALUMINUM HOUSING WITHOUT SCREWS Common cleaning products can be used, and there are no screw holes to clean		**PLASTIC HOUSING WITH SCREWS** Common cleaning products cannot be used, and screw holes must be cleaned
HIGH	FRONT GLASS	MEDIUM
EDGE-TO-EDGE PROTECTIVE GLASS There are no locations around the glass for bacteria to grow		**FRONT GLASS WITH FRAME BEZEL** Bacteria may grow under the bezel
HIGH	BUTTONS	LOW
ON-SCREEN BUTTONS No sites are vulnerable to bacteria growth		**PHYSICAL BUTTONS** Bacteria could grow under and around the buttons
HIGH	INNER HOUSING	MEDIUM
COMPLETELY SEALED FANLESS DESIGN Enhanced PC reliability since dust and microorganisms cannot get inside		**UNSEALED FAN VENTING HOLE** Requiring regular cleaning, PC venting hole allows dust and microorganisms inside

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