

# Workstation Safety Huddle



Workstations in Primary Care are often cleaned at end of day by contracted janitorial staff.

Unit staff should clean workstations whenever they are visibly soiled and after direct or indirect contact with patients.

Reminder: Occupational Health & Safety regulations restrict staff from consuming food in patient care areas due to increased likelihood of food contamination and foodborne illness.

## Discussion topics

Where would you locate the wet contact time for each type of cleaning and disinfectant wipe?  
*Hint: check the product packaging.*

Do all products have the same wet contact time?

Are cleaning wipes readily available at your workstations now?

Who's role? Everyone's! Help janitorial staff clean and disinfect by keeping workstations clutter-free at end of shift, as they are not permitted to move items.

## Did you know?

IH has a specific product recommended for cleaning and disinfecting displays and screens?  
(answer: Kimtech alcohol wipes)

IH IPAC Equipment Cleaning and Disinfecting Manual provides guidance on cleaning and disinfecting **over 100 different types of equipment**. It also includes information on cleaning and disinfectant wipes.

## Cleaning and disinfection is a two-step process.

1. Use wipes to clean (remove soil).
2. Use fresh wipes to disinfect, ensuring surfaces remain wet for the necessary contact time.
3. To avoid damage to screens from cleaning and disinfecting residue, wipe with plain water using a well squeezed cloth or a 70% alcohol wipe after air-drying is complete.



## Resources

- [IPAC Equipment Cleaning and Disinfecting Manual](#)
- [How to Clean Mobile Devices](#)
- [Telehealth Room and Equipment Cleaning Guide](#)
- [Eating areas- OHS Regulation Part 4.84: General Conditions](#)

