

WOW Cleaning with CPOE

General Principles

- Always perform hand hygiene before touching the Workstation on Wheels (WOW) following the Island Health Hand Hygiene Policy.
- Use accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) to clean and disinfect WOWs (Accel PREvention wipe)
- WOWS should be cleaned and disinfected between users and at the start and end of your shift.
- Clean and disinfect the WOW prior to placing back in it's storage location.
- WOWs should be brought into a patient room, but stay outside of the patient zone.*

*see reverse for definition of 'patient zone'

Patients **NOT** on Additional Precautions

1. Bring the **WOW** into patient room
2. Perform hand hygiene
3. Scan the patient
 - a. If you put the scanner down in the patient environment OR it becomes contaminated during scanning, wipe it down before putting it back in the holder.
4. Perform hand hygiene
5. Scan and prepare medications
6. Perform hand hygiene
7. Administer medications to patient and complete any other needed bedside tasks
8. Perform hand hygiene

Patients **ON** Additional Precautions

1. Perform hand hygiene & don appropriate PPE
2. Bring the **WOW** into patient room
3. Scan the patient
 - a. If you put the scanner down in the patient environment OR it becomes contaminated during scanning, wipe it down before putting it back in the holder.
4. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene
5. Scan and prepare medications
6. Perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves
7. Administer medications to patient and complete any other needed bedside tasks
8. Doff PPE and perform hand hygiene
9. Clean and disinfect the **WOW** before proceeding to the next patient. Wipe the scanner, keyboard, front of medication drawer and horizontal surfaces.

Always clean and disinfect equipment that you suspect has been contaminated or is visibly soiled before proceeding to the next patient.

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Defining the Patient Zone

The patient zone is the perimeter around the patient bed space

Single Bed Room

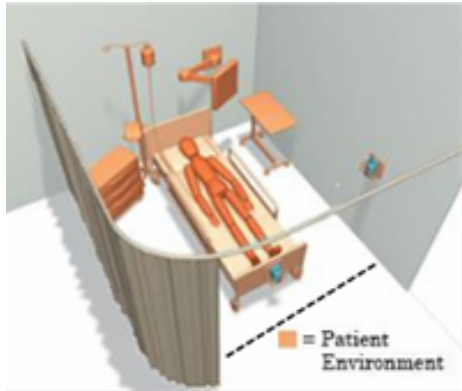


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- Place the WOW just inside the door.

Multi-bed Room

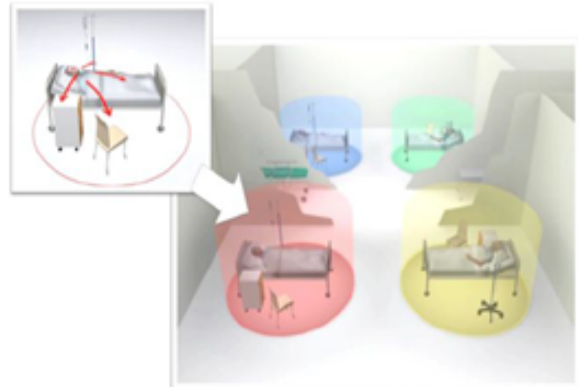


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- Place the WOW in the room, but outside of the patient curtains.
- In multibed rooms where not all patients are on additional precautions, leave the precaution patient to last.

For additional Infection Prevention and Control support please contact your local Infection Control Practitioner or refer to our online resources:

[IPAC Intranet Page](#)

[Hand Hygiene Policy](#)

[Cleaning and Disinfecting Manual: Information Technology Equipment](#)