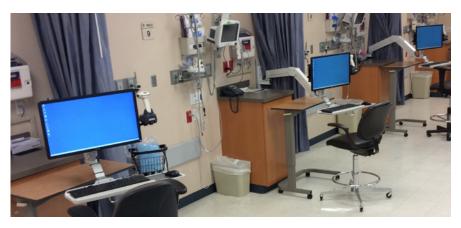
Healthcare-acquired infections cost billions of dollars.

ICWUSA mounts may help promote infection control.



PACU with ICW Elite 5216 arms: The risk of cross-contamination can be reduced by thorough disinfection of all environmental surfaces, including computer and device mounting arms.

"An estimated 1.7 million people acquire hospital-associated infections each year in U.S. hospitals." 1

Healthcare-associated infections represent a major threat to patient safety.

Healthcare-acquired infections (HAIs) rank within the 10 leading causes of death in the United States. 2

- Hospitals: One in 25 hospital patients acquires at least one healthcare-associated infection. ³
- Surgery: More than 20 percent of all hospital-acquired infections can be attributed to the infection of a surgical site.4
- Cancer Centers: Despite advances in oncology care, infections remain a major cause of morbidity and mortality among cancer patients.5
- Dialysis Centers: Hemodialysis patients are at a high risk for infection because the process of hemodialysis requires frequent use of catheters or insertion of needles to access the bloodstream.

Cost for treatment of HAIs is about \$9.8 billion annually.6

- · Central line-associated bloodstream infections add an average of \$45,814 to a patient's medical bill.
- Surgical site infections run \$20,785. Clostridium difficile infections can cost \$11,285.

Infection control is crucial. Environmental cleaning is a priority.

- All healthcare settings must make infection prevention a priority and must be equipped to observe Standard Precautions of the CDC and HICPAC recommendations.
- Housekeeping surfaces require removal of both gram-positive cocci and gram-negative bacilli.
- Organic matter, salts, and visible soils that interfere with microbial inactivation must be removed first.
- Surfaces must also be thoroughly disinfected to eliminate pathogenic microorganisms.

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"ICW computer mounting solutions are built to withstand riaorous cleaning and disinfection, reducing the risk of cross contamination."

- ICW's tough, easy to clean finishes withstand harsh chemicals.
- ICW mounts are built with smooth, durable aircraft grade aluminum that doesn't allow microorganisms to hide.
- Enclosed wires and internal components enable more thorough sanitization.
- Unlike carts, which can spread contamination when rolled from room to room, ICW mounting arms are confined to one room, can be easily disinfected, and reduce the risk of spreading infection.



PRE-OP with ICW Ultra 180 arms: As part of their infection prevention plan, facilities need computer mounts that streamline cleaning and withstand rigorous disinfection.

Contact ICW to learn more.



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