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## **Washable Keyboard May Reduce Rising Contamination Rates**

**Austin, Texas-** Econo-Keys, a major manufacturer of [medical-grade peripherals](#) offers computer input devices that can be disinfected to combat hospital-acquired infections

According to the *American Journal of Infection Control*, high rates of contamination have been recorded in National Health Services organizations, rising from 2 percent in 1990 to 43 percent in 2002. This large rise in contamination rates may be reduced by implementing disinfection standards.

“Everything in a medical environment should be disinfected” said Dave Huddleston, Econo-keys operations manager. “Our keyboards provide an easy to disinfect solution for our customers and help them to avoid hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).”

Econo-Keys manufactures computer keyboards and mice designed especially for medical applications. These fully sealed devices are compatible with any hospital grade disinfectant and can withstand multiple cleanings per day, making them ideal for use in hospitals, labs and dental offices. Their slim dimensions easily fit onto carts, mounts and wall stations.

A recent study in the *American Journal of Infection Control* shows that more than 2 million patients acquire HAIs in U.S. hospitals. Many of these infection causing bacteria are found in shared areas, such as restrooms and nurses’ stations.

Econo-Keys’ line of products have many features that benefit the medical industry including: integrated backlighting for low lit environments, low-profile keys for easy disinfection, wireless models for increased mobility. In addition, integrated touchpads eliminate the need for an external mouse, saving space and reducing cleaning time. All of Econo-Keys products are completely waterproof and plug-and-play.

“Our customers have varied needs, which is why our diverse line of products are used across many medical platforms and across the world,” said Huddleston.

For more information about Econo-Keys [medical keyboards](#), visit [www.econo-keys.com](http://www.econo-keys.com) or call (512) 837-0283.

**About Econo-Keys:** As a leading provider of quality [medical keyboards](#) and mice, Econo-Keys, an Austin, Texas-based company is dedicated to the prevention of cross-contamination through effective and practical methods. Econo-Keys waterproof peripherals are currently used in hospitals, labs and dental clinics worldwide. For more information about Econo-Keys, visit [www.Econo-Keys.com](http://www.Econo-Keys.com).

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