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Study: Nurses Reluctant To Use Tablet PCs

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More than 90% of nurses are "reluctant" to use Tablet PCs for bedside nursing, saying the devices are too fragile, heavy and large, and have inadequate battery life, according to a study by [Spyglass Consulting Group](#).

However, the study found that patient safety concerns have led 56% of health care organizations to adopt applications with mobile computer carts, such as clinical documentation, bar coding, evidence-based care and communication.

"Mobile computing can improve nursing productivity and efficiency, increase patient safety and reduce the risk of causing medical errors," Gregg Malkary, managing director of Spyglass (Spyglass Consulting Group press release, 6/15).

The study also found that nurses use personal digital assistants mostly for drug reference databases, reference manuals and medical calculators, but they could also be used to store other types of patient information. Spyglass interviewed more than 100 nursing professionals for the study, which was conducted over a three-month period beginning in March (*Wireless Week*, 7/15).

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