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Flucke's Five

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Many of us are always looking for tips and products that make us more efficient and/or improve the quality of our patients' care. Although technology can be fun – the majority of us need to know that there will be a benefit to using a product whether it be a financial payout or the relief of stress.

1) ioSafe Disaster Proof Hardware

At one time or another everyone has experienced the horror and hardship of a major loss of data whether due to software failure or extreme environments. ioSafe makes rugged portable external hard drives that are impervious to heat or water. Set them on fire or throw them in swimming pool, your data is protected. Available in aluminum and titanium SSD and HHD versions and comes with a No-Hassle Warranty. Check it out – www.iosafe.com

2) Midwest® Stylus© ATC

The new Midwest® Stylus© ATC high-speed air-driven hand piece. A sensor in the handpiece connects to an electronic “brain” in the control source that maintains the speed and delivers more power when needed. Been testing it for months and haven't been able to break it. www.stylusatc.com

3) Karen's Replicator

If you are like most people, you do a giant copy and paste in order to back up data. This is time-consuming and risky. Who knows if everything copied successfully. A backup software program called Karen's Replicator automatically backs up files, directories and even entire drives. It allows you to copy files larger than 2 GB and each time you run it, it compares the existing data with the data on the server and only copies what is new or has changed. There is a version for MAC - Karen's Synchronized Pro. Moving data takes less than ten minutes and best of all it's free. <http://www.karenware.com/powertools/ptreplicator.asp>

4) Econokeys

To increase efficiency and decrease cross-contamination there is a sealed keyboard for your computer that you can easily clean /disinfect. The Econokeys keyboards are hygienic, rugged and affordable. They are wireless for ease of use when you go “nose to nose” with a patient and a sealed touchpad eliminates the need for a mouse. The keys have good action to them and there are no gaps for easy cleaning. Comes in black or white – www.econokeys.com

5) Freedom LED from Orascoptic

If you wear magnification you also need good illumination. The Freedom LED from Orascoptic has no wires. It is powered by small rechargeable battery pods and attach to the frame of your glasses. No more heavy, cumbersome headlights. Armed with capacitive touch technology, the Freedom LED headlight eliminates the need for buttons or switches. www.orascoptic.com/freedom