

FlipPad offers medical grade protection at Texas Children's Hospital



A pioneering iPad case that enables clinicians, patients and their families to use iPads without the risk of infection is being used at Texas Children's Hospital.

Developed by UK-based FutureNova, The FlipPad features an antimicrobial glass screen, which minimises the spread of health care-associated infections (HCAI)."

The specialised iPad case allows patients to watch a movie in the comfort of their bed. It also gives parents the opportunity to research their child's condition, view their medical records and upcoming clinical regimes, as well as discuss their child's health plan with clinicians. It can also be used with surgical gloves in any sterile environment.

The FlipPad was originally showcased in Texas last October as part of the medical technology (MedTech) mission. The missions have been organised by the Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) - the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK, to create stronger relationships between the UK and Texas.

During the visit, the UK-developed technology was showcased to staff at Texas Children's Hospital who have since ordered 125 cases as part of a major development project within the hospital.

Mike Casey, CEO of FutureNova, said: *"Using the iPad, gives patients and their families more information about the patient's stay in the hospital and engages them in their care. FlipPad removes any issues of infection control as it can be cleaned using standard infection control sprays. It's a great addition to the hospital for both patients and clinicians and we are delighted to be able to introduce it to Texas Children's Hospital."*

Over the last two years, there have been four UK MedTech missions to the State of Texas, bringing over 40 UK companies to the region.

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