

The "Hand Hygiene Self Report Card" revealed a consistent scenario where hand hygiene was often bypassed.

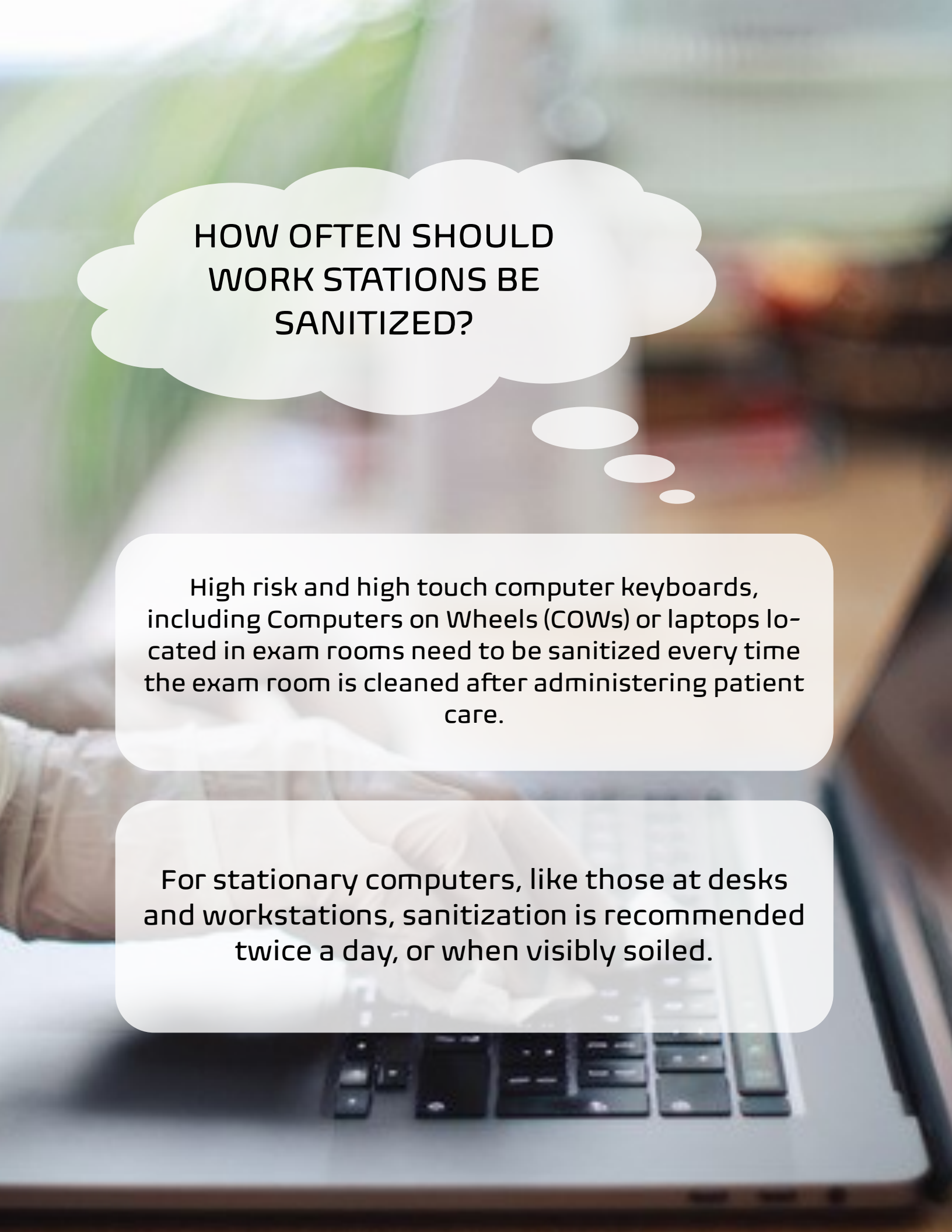
Several participants noted that they did not typically engage in hand hygiene practices when they were at their desk or at their computer.

Which begs the question.....

"How often do you sanitize your work station?"

Keyboards can harbor a significant amount of bacteria, which can be a particular concern in a health care setting.

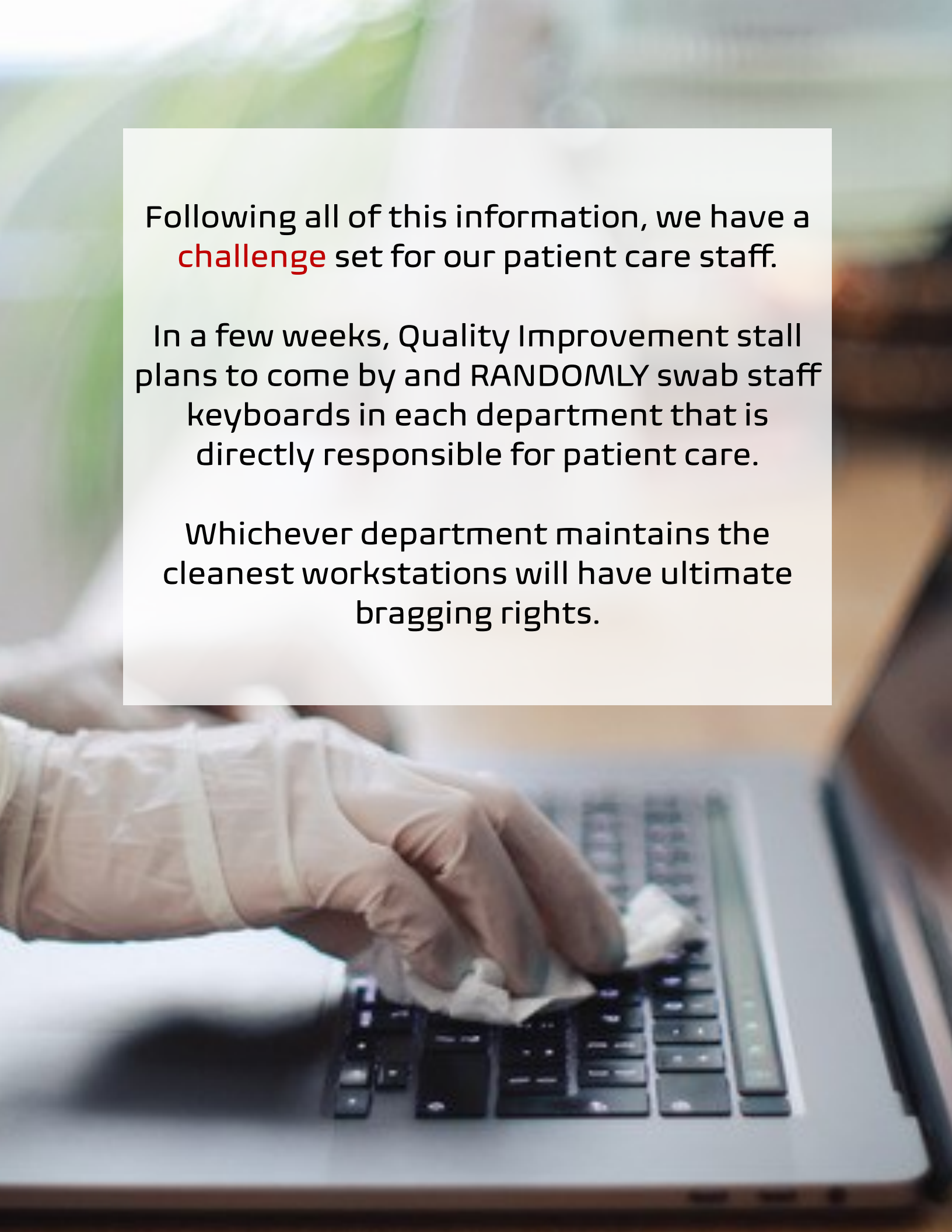
Samples obtained from keyboards in a medical setting showed that 76% of the keyboards were contaminated, and the most isolated bacteria present were **staphylococci** and **MRSA**



**HOW OFTEN SHOULD
WORK STATIONS BE
SANITIZED?**

High risk and high touch computer keyboards, including Computers on Wheels (COWs) or laptops located in exam rooms need to be sanitized every time the exam room is cleaned after administering patient care.

For stationary computers, like those at desks and workstations, sanitization is recommended twice a day, or when visibly soiled.



Following all of this information, we have a **challenge** set for our patient care staff.

In a few weeks, Quality Improvement staff plans to come by and RANDOMLY swab staff keyboards in each department that is directly responsible for patient care.

Whichever department maintains the cleanest workstations will have ultimate bragging rights.