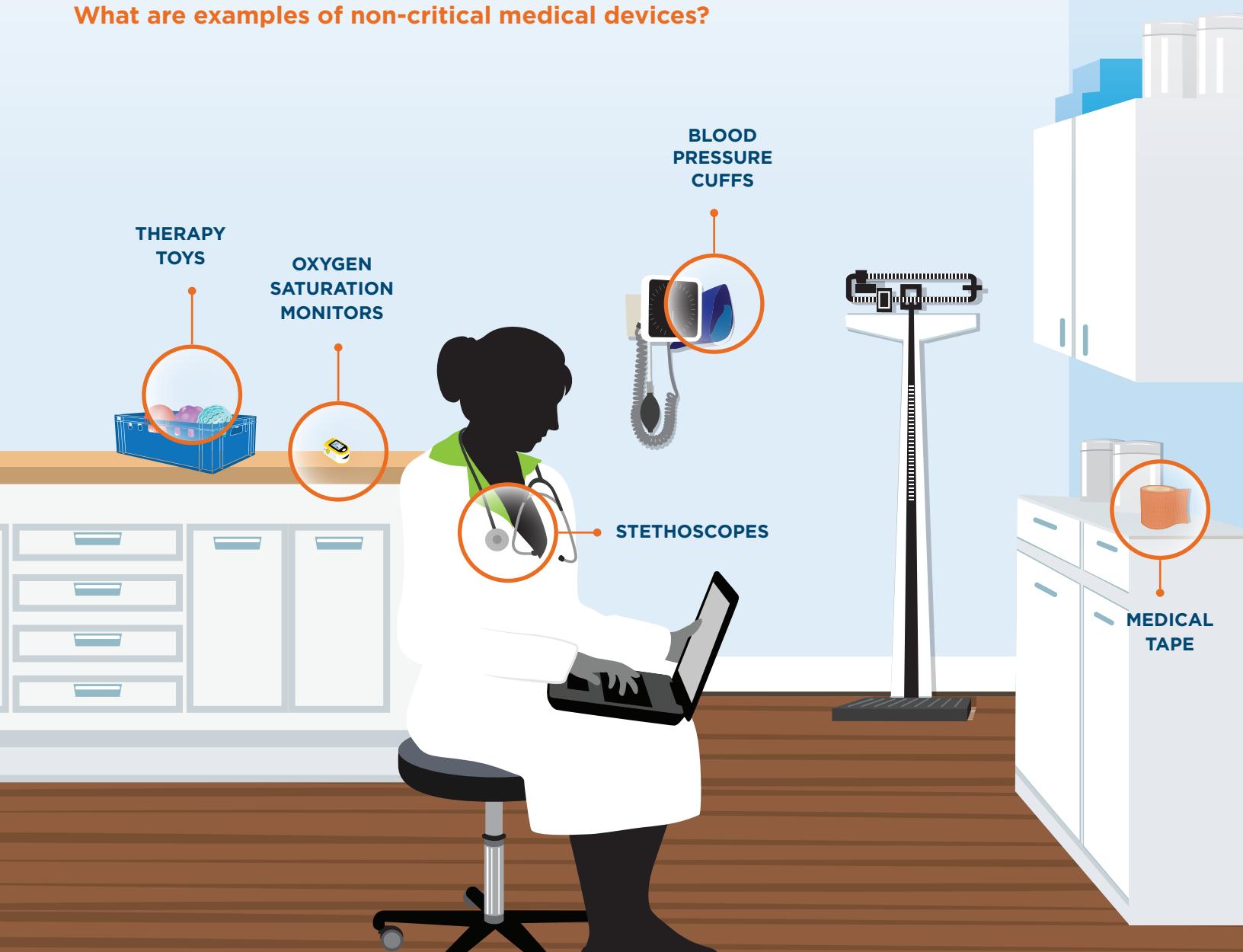


# Non-Critical Is Critical

## Strategies to Mitigate Cross Contamination of Non-critical Medical Devices

Multiple-use, “non-critical,” non-invasive, portable clinical items, such as medical tape and stethoscopes, can become star players in cross contamination and pathogen transmission. Unlike medical devices deemed critical, non-critical medical devices may not be accompanied by Instructions for Use (IFUs)—documents outlining the proper handling, storage, and processes required to clean and reach the parameters of safe use on patients. As a result, proper handling and storage of “non-critical” medical devices is often overlooked.

### What are examples of non-critical medical devices?



For medical equipment accompanied by IFUs, be sure to review the documents to ensure the compatibility of disinfectants with the equipment.

But...

#### STEP 8: Monitor Compliance with Feedback

- Incorporate into environment of care rounds

#### STEP 7: Train Staff on Assigned IPC Protocols

#### STEP 6: Assign Cleaning Responsibilities

- Ensure all patient care equipment (including non-critical devices) is assigned to be cleaned by a designated staff person.

