

Bio IT Policy on Computers Connected to Laboratory Instruments

This policy applies to computers dedicated to running laboratory instruments where general computer work activity is discouraged.

Case 1:

Control software does not require admin privileges to operate correctly; the computer name can be changed:

The computer will be connected to the network and patched with automatic updates just as any office computer.

Login will be by career account, common logins are to be discouraged.

Data transfer can be through network share access or removable media.

Clear instructions will be posted at the computer to alert new users how to set up their accounts to properly use the instrument.

Case 2:

Control software requires admin privileges to run and a special computer name to connect the instrument to computer:

The computer will not be connected to the network. The name and login will be left the way it was installed to run the instrument.

Patching and updating will not take place.

Data transfer will be through removable media.

Autorun.ini will be disabled through local group policy to prevent infected removable media from infecting the control computer.