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.