Top 10 Benefits of Tablet PC in Healthcare

Powerful, mobile, and versatile, Tablet PC is one of the most useful tools for being as productive as possible away from your desk. It’s designed for mobile computer users such as healthcare professionals, who’ve typically relied on a combination of notebook PCs, planners, spiral notebooks, handheld devices, and sticky notes to complete work.

1. **Use One of the Most Advanced Microsoft Operating Systems**

   Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC Edition is a superset of Windows XP Professional. It provides all of the power and capabilities of Windows XP and offers enhanced features for pen-based computing and mobility. The Tablet PC runs all Windows XP–compatible applications, including documents, images, audio, video, or any other medium your work requires.

2. **Extend the Way You Work with Your PC**

   For years, healthcare professionals have been capturing patient information with pen and paper, recording audio tapes and medical images to document a patient’s condition and the care provided. This information then must be re-entered into a PC for centralized accessibility. The Tablet PC offers you a one-stop solution for recording information, including keyboard, pen, and voice input. The Tablet PC can be customized to suit your skills and preferences, enhancing your existing workflow and providing greater accuracy and less redundancy.

3. **Work from Anywhere with One of the Most Mobile PCs Ever**

   The Tablet PC provides everything you expect from a mobile PC, but in a form that allows you to be productive in more situations—with a patient, at your desk, in the hallway, at a meeting, or on the go. Tablet PC comes in two basic forms: the "convertible," with an integrated keyboard, and the ultra-slim "slate tablet," which has innovative docking solutions for easy access to the keyboard while at your desk. Healthcare workers are among the most mobile of all workers. The Tablet PC caters to this work style, allowing you to move from room to room, floor to floor, or building to building while always having access to information—when and where you need it.

4. **Take All Your Notes Electronically**

   Tablet PC lets you create, edit, and organize handwritten notes and drawings that you would normally record on paper into a searchable format. Advanced handwriting and speech-recognition technology let you search your notes to quickly find what you need. The Tablet PC as a form factor is less intrusive than a notebook PC, allowing interactions with patients and families to be more comfortable and natural.
Collaborate Easily and Effectively
The Tablet PC lets you integrate electronic "ink" into everyday business applications, including Microsoft Office 2003 Editions¹, as well as many third-party healthcare applications. You can easily append and edit important documents, images, and other media to facilitate communication and collaboration, and enhance the understanding of clinical data used for education, consultation, or referrals. This information can be shared with other PC users—even if they are not using a Tablet PC. PC users with computers running the Windows 2000 or Windows XP operating systems can read your handwritten documents using the free Microsoft Windows Journal Viewer.

Personalize Your Experience
The Tablet PC can be customized to work the way you do. Calibrate the pen, optimize for left- or right-handed operation, and program the hardware buttons of your Tablet PC to complete specific actions, such as opening an application, changing screen orientation from landscape to portrait, or recording an audio comment. The Tablet PC adapts to you and becomes a natural extension to help you communicate and collaborate.

Enhance Patient Care and Increase Productivity
The Tablet PC allows healthcare organizations to capture information the first time, reducing the time and cost associated with inputting patient data. Having access to the information you need allows you to spend more time providing quality healthcare.

Deploy and Manage Easily
Windows XP Tablet PC Edition includes the advanced deployment technologies and policies included in Windows XP Professional, making it easy to deploy and manage Tablet PCs in the corporate or small office environment. With healthcare IT budgets under pressure, a solution that is easy to implement and easy to maintain is just what the doctor ordered.

Unlock Patient Information
Quality healthcare decisions start with having the right information. Healthcare organizations have data stored in a variety of sources. The Tablet PC allows you to access the information when and where you need it and make informed decisions about patient care.

Get High Levels of Protection for Critical Data
The privacy of personal medical information is not only fundamental to quality healthcare but also a legal requirement. The Tablet PC offers all of the security features of Windows XP Professional, including the Encrypting File Systems (EFS) security feature and the access control feature. Tablet PC also supports secure logon to a network using a single CTRL+ALT+DEL hardware button.