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## Cool-EasyCall Desktop



The best ergonomically designed mouse I have ever used is the MX400 Performance Laser Mouse by Logitech. It scrolls horizontally as well as vertically and *IS* currently available. Shown with it, in the above photo is Logitech's new EasyCall Desktop Internet Phone speakerphone keyboard. This baby is optimized for use with over-the-Internet calling services such as Skype, Yahoo! Messenger with Voice and AOL's AIM. It is priced at \$129.99 and will be in stores by mid-September.

The included headset make hands-free conversations a snap. This keyboard provides one-touch access to other PC applications as well, plus a media panel to control digital music in applications such as Apple's iTunes and Windows Media Player.

OS: Windows XP, Vista

Logitech claims the EasyCall Desktop keyboard is the world's first combination of a mouse, keyboard, headset and speakerphone. The speakerphone acts as the control center for Internet calls by integrating controls for volume, mute, call pick-up and hang-up. Logitech's RightSound Technology also eliminates echoes which allows for clear headset-free Internet phone calls.

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A modern hospital in Las Vegas has implemented a simple-to-use system that brings the power of T.V. and the Internet together to provide patients a comforting connection to their friends, their family, their physicians and the world while convalescing. For example, they have the ability to use instant messaging to request changing the temperature of their room, or have a visit from the chaplain, etc.

Patients also have the ability to view learning modules about their illness, if they feel up to it. "When you're ill or injured it can be tough to grasp all the information coming at you," said a hospital spokesperson.

**The GetWellNetwork also gives patients the ability to check their email, order movies, play video games and surf the Internet.**

"A hospital is a place to rest and recover...but long days spent in a hospital bed can lead to boredom, loneliness and restlessness." "GetWellNetwork keeps their spirits up, which can ultimately help them heal faster." These **Patient Pathways** assess patient satisfaction with the safety of their care environment enabling caregivers to actively address any patient concerns, per the GetWellNetwork.

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