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Model comparison

	USB FLASH DRIVE	EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE	CLOUD STORAGE
Capacity	16–256 GB	1–4 TB	Rented, often 100 GB–2 TB
Speed	Moderate	Fast	Depends on connection
Works offline?	Yes	Yes	No, unless cached
Risk of loss	High — small, easy to lose	Moderate — one place	Low locally, but account and provider risk
Best for	Carrying work between machines	Weekly full backup at one site	A copy kept elsewhere, if allowed

Clinic answer: local external drive plus an encrypted second drive kept off-site; no public cloud; weekly restore test; named owner. Remaining risk: both drives at the clinic during a fire.