

Web Site Terms, Conditions and Privacy Policy

Allergy & Asthma Center of Texas ("we" or "us"), is dedicated to protecting the privacy of our Web site users. Our privacy policy informs you of how we maintain your confidentiality and privacy on this site. We encourage you to learn what types of data are collected and how we protect that data. It is our policy to never share personal information that can be used to identify you with any company without your consent.

Privacy Policy

As a user of this site, you take on certain risks and responsibilities. You also have the right to know how we protect your privacy and confidentiality and what you should expect from us.

Your Role, Responsibilities, and Risks

You need to be an informed user of this site. Please read all our policies in full so you know how our site works and how you will interact with the site. Pay special attention to your risks as a user. Web site users open themselves up to certain risks, such as data collection. Understand how we collect data and how it is used. It is our goal to protect your personal information from misuse. We may, however, offer programs that collect data for special reasons, such as research, scientific studies, and statistics, in which case you may be interested in participating with consent.

What You Should Expect

We will strive to maintain your privacy, confidentiality, and security at all times. It is our goal to ensure your trust and confidence by providing you with as much information as we can about data collection procedures and information when needed. We will not intentionally use any personal health information without your permission. We use non-personal health information which we aggregate for research purposes and to improve usability of this site. We will notify you accordingly of all data collection practices by posting such practices on this Web site. It is our intention to clearly inform you when your risks or privacy may change during the course of using this site. We may change our privacy policy without prior notice, but will post new changes prominently on the Web site. We want you to know that this system operates on a server which we believe is secure, but no assurance can be made of that fact. Although we make every reasonable effort to protect personal information and personal health information from loss, misuse, or alteration by third parties, you should be aware that there is always some risk involved in transmitting information via the Internet and that hackers or thieves do find ways to thwart security systems.

No provider-patient relationship is created unless we specifically notify you that one is created.

About the Information We Collect

We understand that the personal information and personal health information you provide during your visit to our site is highly sensitive and you may have concerns about sharing such information with us. It is our goal to protect your privacy and we strive to develop practices and policies to safeguard your personal and personal health information.

Personal Information

At different places on our site, you may be asked to volunteer your name, e-mail, address and telephone number. We refer to this type of information as "personal information" because it can be used to identify or contact you.

Personal Health Information

When this information is combined with any information on your health or medical status, we refer to this information as "personal health information." We often collect information on website use that has nothing to do with you as an individual, only as an anonymous user of the site. We call this information "aggregate information" and use it for purposes such as improving the usability, quality, and functionality of the site. We intend to use the personal information, personal health information, and aggregate information only for the purposes for which it was provided.

Our Site Uses Cookies

In addition to collecting information that you submit to us, we also rely on "cookies." A cookie is a numeric code that a Web site transfers to your hard drive for record-keeping purposes. Every computer is assigned a different cookie, but our cookie does not contain or collect your name or other personal identifying information. When you revisit our site, the cookie allows us to recognize you, your interests, and your preferences. We also use cookies to help track the level of interest in different features on our site and to compile data that can help us improve our content.

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Who Collects the Data

We and our web staff collect information in different sections of this site. We collect most of the data via registration and for specific contact emails. This site also can collect information about you separately from us such as from job applications, volunteer applications, membership applications, contact us messages, and from gift contribution forms. We are interested in your information for the purposes of operating the site more efficiently, providing you with more efficient and reliable functionality, and for answering your questions and concerns. We may retain the data collected on this site for an indefinite period of time.

Where Information Is Collected

We collect information about you at several places throughout the site. You will be informed on how this information is collected at that time. You will also have the ability to opt-in to information collection when you enter the site or use a service.

How We Use Your Personal Information

We continually seek new ways to maintain your trust as a user and improve our offerings. To provide new and better services, we monitor user traffic patterns and try to analyze what our users like and do not like about our current offerings so we can design better services for you. We may also use certain information for testing purposes, site development and planning, and during the normal course of maintaining the site. When you use our site, you automatically allow us to collect this information related to these uses. In these cases, researchers, business analysts, system designers, and others may have access to the data we collect. We do not intend to use or disclose any personal information or personal health information you provide on our site to an unrelated third party without your express permission, except as explained in this section.

You should know that there are circumstances when, in the ordinary course of business, we will share some information about you with a related third party. As stated elsewhere, we may also share aggregate statistical information on our users, sales, traffic patterns and site usage with our business affiliates and sponsors. There is nothing in this information that could be used to identify or contact you.

In certain limited circumstances, we may be legally compelled to release your personal information in response to a court order, subpoena, search warrant, law or regulation. In the event that we are compelled to disclose personal information and/or personal health information to a third party, we will notify you unless doing so would violate the law or court order. We also reserve the right to cooperate with law enforcement authorities in investigating and prosecuting users that violate our rules or engage in behavior that is harmful (or illegal) to other users.

Site Ownership

We own this web site. By accessing our site, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this section.

Usage Terms

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