Privacy Statement: The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

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Introduction

The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (the “Foundation”) is dedicated to protecting the privacy and security of visitors to our website. This privacy policy discloses the data collection practices of this website, https://www.foundationpamedsoc.org, including any content, functionality, services, and applications offered on or through this website (“Site”), including the information we automatically collect, the information our visitors supply to us voluntarily, and what we do with that information. For general legal information about using this Site, please see our Terms of Use.

This Privacy Statement applies to information we collect:

- On this Site.
- Through our Student Financial Services Borrower Web Portal.
- In email, text, and other electronic messages between you and the Site.
- When you make an online gift to the Foundation.
- When you interact with our advertising and applications on third-party websites and services.

It does not apply to information collected by any third party including our affiliates and subsidiaries, including through any application or content (including advertising) that may link to or be accessible from or on the Site.

If you do not agree with our policies and practices, your choice is to not use our Site. By accessing or using this Site, you agree to this Privacy Statement. This Privacy Statement may change at any time. You are expected to check this page from time to time so you are aware of any changes, as they are binding on you.

Information Collected Automatically

Our Site automatically collects and stores the following information:

- The name of the domain and host from which you access the Internet (e.g., aol.com or Princeton.edu).
- The Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer you are using.
- The browser software you use (e.g., Internet Explorer or Google Chrome) and your operating system (e.g., Windows XP or MacOS).
- The date and time you access our Site.
- The Internet address of the website from which you linked directly to our Site.

How we use the information we collect automatically:
We use this information to measure the number of visitors to the different sections of our Site, and to help us make our Site more useful. We are not able to use this data to identify or track individual users’ personal information. Generally, we delete this data after one year.

**Information Collected Voluntarily**

We may collect personal information that you voluntarily provide — such as your name, email address, phone number, credit card information, and other contact information—when accessing certain areas of the Site, including when you make an online gift to the Foundation, or access the services on our Student Financial Services Borrower Web Portal. When applying for loans or scholarships through our Student Financial Services Borrower Web Portal, you may be asked to provide additional personal information (e.g., Social Security Number) to process your applications.

How we use the information our visitors supply voluntarily:

All information is kept secure and used only for providing services to our Site users and for internal administrative purposes.

Only Foundation staff and our authorized agents have access to personal information provided by visitors to our Site. We reserve the right to send visitors to the Site, via their communications preferences (email, fax or mail), certain communications that are relevant to the programs of the Foundation.

These communications may include:
- Announcements about new services or programs.
- Reminders about existing services and programs.
- Foundation newsletters and alerts.
- Invoices for program services.
- Philanthropic acknowledgements.

You may also provide information to be published or displayed on public areas of the Site, or transmitted to other users of the Site or third parties. Such information is posted on the Site and transmitted to others at your own risk.

**Use of Cookies**

We use “cookies” on this Site to:

- Better understand how our visitors use our Site.
- Customize the experience of our visitors.
- Support some necessary website functions.

A “cookie” is a small file sent by our server, stored on your computer’s hard drive, and used by your web browser. We use cookies to improve the quality of our service. For example, cookies are used to collect information about your activities on the Site. By modifying your browser
preferences, you can manage how your browser handles cookies or to reject them all together. If you choose not to accept cookies, you may not be able to access parts of the Site.

Disclosure

We may disclose aggregated information about our users, and information that does not identify any individual, without restriction.

We may disclose personal information:

- To our subsidiaries and affiliates.
- To contractors, service providers, and other third parties we use to support our business and who agree to keep personal information confidential and use it only for the purposes for which we disclose it to them.
- To comply with any court order, law, or legal process, including to respond to any government or regulatory request.
- To enforce or apply our Privacy Statement, Terms of Use, and/or other agreements.
- If we believe disclosure is necessary or appropriate to protect the rights, property, or safety of the Foundation, our subsidiaries or affiliates, our users, or others.
- With your consent.

Security

We use secure socket layer (SSL) encryption to protect the transmission of information you submit to us when you use our secure online forms. All the information you provide us through these forms is stored securely offline.

Ultimately, the transmission of information via the Internet is not completely secure. Although we do our best to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of your personal information transmitted to our Site. Any transmission of personal information is at your own risk. We are not responsible for circumvention of any privacy settings or security measures contained on the Site.

Email

- The Foundation will never email you and ask for your personal information, password or user name.
- If you send us an email, you should know that email is not necessarily secure against interception.
- If your communication includes sensitive information, like your credit card or Social Security Number—and you prefer not to use one of our secure online forms—contact us by postal mail or telephone rather than email.

Physicians’ Health Program Confidentiality

The Foundation takes great care to ensure that, as with any professional monitoring or clinical competency assessment related endeavor, the names, addresses, and case information related to its participants in the Physicians’ Health Program and LifeGuard® remain strictly confidential.
This policy of confidentiality protects the public by encouraging physicians and other health professionals who need our help to feel free to contact us with the knowledge that their request for assistance will be professionally addressed with the privacy that any other patient would expect who sought medical care from a physician, hospital, or nursing home.

The Foundation’s Physicians’ Health Program records are protected by federal confidentiality rules (42 CFR Part 2).

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Statement or our data collection practices, or if you experience technical problems with the operation of this Site, contact us at Foundation@pamedsoc.org or (717) 558-7750.

When You Leave Our Site

This Site links to documents located on websites maintained by various other organizations. Once you access an individual document that links you to another website, you are subject to the privacy policy of the website containing that document.

Privacy and Security Resources

Consumer Information from the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov/bcp)

TRUSTe - An independent, non-profit organization promoting standards for website privacy policies and informed consumer consent (www.truste.org/consumers/index.php).

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