



Health Provider Registry Privacy Policy

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Your Privacy



Protecting your privacy

In complying with the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000, General Practice SA Inc provides the following advice about information stored on the Health Provider Registry regarding the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information.

The aim of this advice is to inform participating users of:

- what personal information is being collected
- who is collecting personal information
- how personal information is being used
- access to personal information collected in the registry
- security of personal information collected in the registry

What personal information is being collected?

The information collected for the registry includes:

- Individual names
- Individual email addresses and mobile phone numbers
- General work related contact details
- Place(s) of employment
- Provider number(s) for identification purposes.

Who is collecting personal information?

The above information is collected by General Practice SA Inc (GPSA) to facilitate the exchange of patient information.

How is personal information used?

The information collected is primarily used for the exchange of patient information between health professionals and health related organisations. The registry is provided in electronic form, for the use of health professionals and health organisations.

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Access to personal information collected on this site

As health provider organisations, we understand the necessity of ensuring that your contact details are only used appropriately, and we are committed to protecting their access and usage. Your Division of General Practice, Specialist College or Allied Health Association has contributed to the development of the Health Provider Registry, and is able to access your contact details under an agreed set of conditions designed to protect the value and integrity of the data. (For a full list of supporting organisations go to www.gpsa.org.au/hpry) Other third party organisations such as the public hospitals also need to meet set conditions before being allowed to access the Health Provider Registry, which includes prohibitions on commercial usage and on-selling.

The electronic version of the registry is disseminated to participating subscribers to the Health Provider Registry only. Access to the web based version of the registry is password protected, preventing general public access. Moreover, the use of the registry for the distribution of non health related purposes results in termination of access to the directory and possible legal proceedings under the Privacy Act 2000.

All health providers need to 'opt in' by filling in and signing the consent form. For copies of the consent form go to www.gpsa.org.au/hpry. A provider can withdraw her/his consent at any time.

Security of personal information collected on this site

Whilst reasonable efforts are made to provide security, participating individuals should be aware that there are inherent risks in the transmission of information across the Internet. Even though information is encrypted, unsolicited access or cracking of the encrypted traffic is beyond the control of GPSA, the Divisions, Colleges and Associations.

Further Information

For further information about the Health Provider Registry Privacy Policy, contact our Privacy Officer at hpry@gpsa.org.au or phone (08) 8271 8988.