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Privacy Policy

In addition to the contributions you make towards the scientific goals of Mark2Cure, we may collect additional data about you to support and improve the operation of the project. We may also conduct experiments on the design of the website that we evaluate based on your reactions and behavior. This Privacy Policy describes what data we collect, how we use it and how we protect it.

Types of information we collect

Identifying information: A username, password, and your e-mail address is required in order to create an account with Mark2Cure. Your e-mail address will not be visible to other users;

HOWEVER, your username and your contributions may be viewed by other users. For example, a proxy for your overall contributions (user level) may be displayed along with your contribution on a particular document to another user and used for scoring purposes.

Optional information: You have the option of supplying additional information (name, disease are of interest, etc.) which you may choose to display/share or hide (by adjusting your privacy settings).

Usage information: We may monitor how users, like yourself, use our website, and aggregate general statistics about users and traffic patterns as well as data about how users respond to various site features. Your username will be associated with the following information that we collect:

- Your log in time stamps.
- Your contributions (words you've marked).
- Other contributions, such as posts on the Blog/Talk pages.

What we do with the information we gather

Usage information is collected to help us improve our website in particular for the following reasons:

- Internal record keeping.
- We may periodically send email promoting new research-related projects or other information relating to our research. Information about these contacts is given below. We will not use your contact information for commercial purposes.
- We may use the information to improve the design of the site
- We may use the information to conduct experiments regarding the use of various site features.

What is shared with third parties

We respect your privacy and will never release e-mail addresses to third parties without your explicit permission. We may share aggregated and anonymized data that we collected from you with researchers, or in scholarly work describing our research. For example, we might use your classifications to illustrate a point in a paper or blog publication, or publish statistics about user interaction. Your username, level, and contributions to a particular document will be shared with other users for comparison and scoring purposes.

Contributions you make to the Blog or Talk pages are widely available to others. Aside from the above, information is held as confidentially as is practical within our secured database. If you contribute to the blog or talk pages, you will hold the following additional responsibilities:

Responsibility of Blog/Talk page Contributors. If you post material to the Website, or otherwise make (or allow any third party to make) material available by means of the Website (any such material, "Content"), You are entirely responsible for the content of, and any harm resulting from, that Content. That is the case regardless of whether the Content in question constitutes text, graphics, an audio file, or computer software. By making Content available, you represent and warrant that:

- the Content does not contain or install any viruses, worms, malware, Trojan horses or other harmful or destructive content;
- the Content is not spam, is not machine- or randomly-generated, and does not contain unethical or unwanted commercial content designed to drive traffic to third party sites or boost the search engine rankings of third party sites, or to further unlawful acts (such as phishing) or mislead recipients as to the source of the material (such as spoofing);
- the Content is not libelous or defamatory ([more info on what that means](#)), does not contain threats or incite violence towards individuals or entities, and does not violate the privacy or publicity rights of any third party;
- your login is not named in a manner that misleads your readers into thinking that you are another person or company. For example, your login name is not the name of a person other than yourself or company other than your own;
- your content is not getting advertised via unwanted electronic messages such as spam links on newsgroups, email lists, journals and web sites, and similar unsolicited promotional methods

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Security measures

Members of the research teams are made aware of our privacy policy and practices by reviewing this statement upon joining the team. We follow industry best practices to secure user data, and access to the database and logs are limited to members of the research group and system administrative staff.

Removing your data

Due to the way in which we archive data, it is generally not possible to completely remove your personal data from our systems. However, if you have specific concerns, please contact us and we will see what we can do.

When we will contact you

If you register or sign up on our interest list, we will contact you by e-mail in the following circumstances:

- Occasionally, we will send e-mail messages to you highlighting a particular aspect of our research, announcing new features, explaining changes to the system, or inviting you to special events.

- We may also use your information to contact you for the purpose of research into our site's operation. We may contact you by email. We may ask for additional information at that time. Providing additional information is entirely optional and will in no way affect your service in the site.
- We may contact you with a newsletter about the progress of the project.
- Please note that we may use a third party service provider to administer any email lists. Any such provider may not use your email information for any purpose other than in connection with providing and monitoring our email alerts to you.

You are unlikely to receive more than two messages per month.

Further information and requests

Please contact the project team at mark2cure@gmail.com