

Privacy Statement for Research Participants

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This statement provides information about the use of personal data provided by or relating to research participants for research conducted by Tufts University, including its schools and centers. This statement provides notice under the laws and regulations that include notice and other requirements that may apply to your personal data (together, the Privacy Laws). Among those Privacy Laws are the General Data Protection Regulation for the European Economic Area (EEA) (regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament) (the EEA GDPR) and the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation, as tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018 of the UK (the UK GDPR). Tufts is committed to processing your personal data in compliance with the Privacy Laws and has prepared this statement to provide you with information about your rights under the Privacy Laws, including the EEA GDPR and UK GDPR.

This statement should be read together with the [Global Privacy Statement for Personal Data](#), which provides information regarding:

- What is “personal data” and what does “processing” mean?
- If I am outside of the United States, will my personal data be transferred out of the country where I am located or reside?
- What rights do I have with respect to my personal data?

1. How does this webpage relate to other information about data protection?

The general information published on this page is intended to supplement the specific information that you have already been given (for example on a participant information sheet or a consent form) in connection with your participation in a research study or project run by academic researchers affiliated with Tufts University. The information below applies to all studies and projects that are conducted by Tufts researchers. In the unlikely event that there is any contradiction between this general information and the specific information that you have already been given, the specific information takes precedence.

In addition to the information published here, when you use specific services and facilities offered by Tufts, you may be told about other uses of your personal data. For example, there are separate statements for persons who use or engage with Tufts websites (see [Privacy Statement](#)) and IT services (see [Use of Institutional Systems Policy](#)).

2. What personal data will be processed, who will process that personal data, and with whom will that personal data be shared?

You have already been told about the types of personal information we will collect, use and process in connection with the specific research study or project you are participating in and, where applicable, its sources, any data sharing or international transfer arrangements, and any automated decision-making that affects you.

3. What are the purposes and lawful bases of the processing of personal data?

In general terms, we use your personal data (including, where appropriate, personal data that is sensitive) to carry out academic and/or translational research in the public interest.

4. How long will my personal data be kept?

You have already been told about the long-term use (and, where applicable, re-use) and retention of your personal data in connection with the specific research study or project you are participating in. General information about how long different types of information are retained by Tufts is published at [Records Retention Schedules](#).

5. Where can I go if I have questions?

If you have any questions about the particular research study you are participating in, please use any contact details you have already been supplied with.

If you have any other questions about how your personal data is used, or wish to exercise any of your rights with respect to your personal data, please consult the [Global Privacy Statement for Personal Data](#) and [How to make a Subject Access Request](#) or contact Tufts' Data Privacy Team at dataprivacy@tufts.edu.

If you are not happy with the way your personal data is being handled, or with the response received from us, then the EEA GDPR and the UK GDPR provide you the right to lodge a complaint with the GDPR supervisory authority or commissioner in the country where you habitually reside, where you work, or where you believe an infringement of the GDPR occurred.

You may have similar rights under other Privacy Laws.

6. Changes to this Privacy Statement

Tufts University reserves the right to change, modify, or otherwise amend this Privacy Statement at its sole discretion and at any time as it deems circumstances warrant. Any such changes will be posted on this page.

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