

## **RHEUMINFO PRIVACY POLICY**

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RheumInfo ([www.rheuminfo.com](http://www.rheuminfo.com)) (“Site”) is a web site dedicated to helping patients and physicians battle arthritis and rheumatic disease. Our goal is to provide a centralized resource to provide honest, accurate, and reliable, tools and information for patients and health care providers. As part of our initiative we have created an online platform where patients can prepare for an upcoming rheumatology appointment. This is called our Symptom Assessor ([ra.rheuminfo.com](http://ra.rheuminfo.com)).

This Privacy Policy outlines the type of information RheumInfo collects from individuals who have registered to join RheumAssess (“Registrants”) and how it is shared.

We reserve the right to modify this policy at any time, and without prior notice, by posting an amended Privacy Policy and terms on this website. We encourage Registrants to review this policy periodically for any updates.

### **WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WE COLLECT**

#### **Data**

The information that registrants enter when registering to use the site will not be shared. The type of Data that Registrants may submit at the Site may include:

- Email address, as collected and verified as part of registration or in a Registrant’s Account Information;
- Password, as collected as part of registration or in a Registrant’s Account Information.
- Current age
- Current medications
- Problems with medications
- Problems with other areas of life
- Disability rating scale (HAQ-2)
- AM stiffness, pain, sleep, fatigue, and global disease activity scales
- Pain diagram

#### **Cookies**

A cookie is a small data file that often includes an anonymous, unique token, which is sent to your browser from a website’s computers and may be stored on your computer’s hard drive. Two types of cookies are required to use the Site:

- Session Cookies are temporary cookies that remain only until you log out of the website or exit your web browser. Session Cookies do not store any Personal Information, only a unique visitor ID number that may be used to ensure Registrants are properly authenticated and can view site

- information.
- Persistent Cookies remain in the cookie file of your browser for much longer, even after you leave the Site. Persistent Cookies also do not store any Personal Information. Persistent Cookies store preferences that should persist from visit to visit, like “Remember Me,” and a unique token to enable us to understand how Registrants use the Site.

## **HOW YOUR DATA IS USED**

Registrants can be assured that every piece of information they submit (even if it is not currently displayed) will not be shared with anyone. We store this information only to make future visits and updates to your symptom assessment that much easier.

RheumInfo may share or disclose data where required by law or to comply with a legal process.

In the event RheumInfo goes through a business transition, such as a merger, acquisition by another organization, or sale of all or a portion of its assets, the data might be among the assets transferred. Registrants will be notified via this site of any such change in ownership or control of Personal Information.

Data is viewable via My Profile and through aggregated reports that are made available only to you. Data is only used to help registrants save time, maximize efficiency, and maximize consistency with future symptom assessments.

RheumInfo may also periodically ask registrants to complete short surveys about their experiences. This survey data are analyzed and may be shared with the rheumatology community. Registrant participation in these surveys is not required, and refusal to do so will not impact a Registrant’s experience on the Site.

## **SECURITY ISSUES**

Rheuminfo takes commercially reasonable technical precautions to help keep Registrant data secure.

The only piece of data we collect that could possibly be used to identify you is an e-mail address. To keep this data safe, we use public-key cryptography. When an e-mail address is stored it is encrypted using a public key. However to decrypt the e-mail address a private key is required. This private key is only known to RheumInfo and is not stored on our public web server. Dr. Thompson does not have access to the private key.

User passwords are stored in an encrypted form known as a hash. It is not possible to recreate your actual password from its cryptographic hash.

## **RISKS AND BENEFITS**

While our goal is to help patients improve health outcomes, there are no certain benefits to using this website. However, keeping track of your arthritic symptoms, well-being, and treatments has been shown to be helpful in improving overall health.

There are also no known risks to using this website, but there is a possibility that Registrants may feel uncomfortable providing information online.

In using the Site, Registrants are free to skip any non-required questions or data fields that make them feel uncomfortable. Registrants are also free to stop using this service at any time. If a Registrant chooses to deactivate his/her account, the data will remain in the system.

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRIVACY POLICY**

If you have questions or comments about our Privacy Policy, [please let us know](#), or contact us at:

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