



Policies

Privacy Policy

The American Board of Urology (ABU) does not collect personal information about you without your knowledge. If you choose to provide information to the ABU website through site registration, surveys or forms, that information becomes the property of the ABU. We do not resell or distribute any information about you to business partners or other organizations for their own marketing or sales use. The ABU does, on request of certain academic entities, provide de-identified practice data for the express purpose of studies seeking to research the use of urologic procedures by certain individuals or institutions. These requests are carefully screened by the ABU's Publication and Research Committee for recommendation to be either approved or disapproved by the Board of Trustees of the ABU. By using the ABU website, you signify your agreement with the ABU Privacy Policy ("Privacy Policy"). We reserve the right to change, modify, add or remove portions of this Privacy Policy at any time and with or without notice to you. Any modifications will be posted to this page. Your continued use of the website after ABU has revised this Privacy Policy will indicate your acceptance of those revised terms.

Email Privacy Policy

Your privacy is important to the ABU. We never share any of your personal information with a third party. Only ABU, its Trustees and/ or office staff will use your email address to send you communications with news, updates, and content as they relate to you as a user of the website. If at any time you wish to unsubscribe to ABU communications, you may do so by notifying us of your desires.

Social Media Policy

ABU uses this site and our social media profiles to share helpful, interesting, and newsworthy information with our candidates and /or Diplomates. We welcome comments, ideas, and concerns. The ABU does not encourage our audiences to post information on these sites. Data that is collected and stored by the ABU is as follows:

Category 1: General Demographic information (most of this information is publicly available on other venues.

- Name
- Address
- Phone numbers
- E-Mail Addresses
- Medical License information
- Medical School Information with Graduation Date
- Fellowship Education information
- Residency Information
 - Chief Residency years
 - Clinical Urology years

Category 2: Sensitive Personal Information and Practice information (this includes HIGHLY sensitive information regarding Professional Responsibility Actions, Complication Narratives, not publicly available personal information etc.

- Professional Responsibility actions narratives
- Complications narratives
- Practice description/breakdown information
- For brief periods Exam performance data
- Last 4 digits of Social Security number

Category 3: Practice Billing log data (this unique category informs the board in a number of areas. This data allows the ABU to stay abreast as surgical management of certain disease entities evolve. Additionally the data does inform about individual's utilization of certain procedures. This is held in a strict de-identified manner. The fact that this data is de-identified makes the storage of this data less sensitive

- Billing Practice log information

Security of Collected Data

To prevent unauthorized access, maintain accuracy of the data and assist compliance with this Privacy Policy, ABU has established certain security protocols and procedures designed to safeguard and secure the information ABU collects through the website and prohibit unauthorized access to that information. Access to data that has been collected through the website is restricted to only those ABU employees, or ABU trustees, or those who require such access for specific purposes as designated by the Trustees of the ABU.

Demographic information is sent to our certificate printing company for the purposes of printing and delivery of certificates.

Messages that you send to ABU by email may not be secure. Accordingly, ABU recommends that you do not send any confidential information to us by email. **If you choose to send confidential information to us via email, you accept the risk that a third party may intercept this information.**

How to Contact Us about This Privacy Policy

In the event that you have any questions or would like to discuss this Privacy Policy in greater detail, please contact us at:

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