

AAOA Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy was last updated on, and is effective as of, April 6, 2018.

The American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy respects member privacy and this Privacy Policy states the Academy's policy for the protection of member information collected by online means. We may modify this Privacy Policy at any time, and if we do so the modifications will be effective upon posting them here. We will post at the top of this Privacy Policy the date that modifications were last made, which should alert you to any changes since your last visit to the AAOA website.

The Academy does not collect any individually identifiable patient health information.

The Academy does necessarily receive information from members about those members' names and mailing addresses. Those become part of the membership database. That database is used by AAOA to communicate with members, by members to communicate with each other and by patients and prospective patients to identify AAOA members.

For instance, a patient can use the AAOA "Physician Finder" to locate a nearby AAOA member. Necessarily, that information is publicly available.

When members and other attendees register for meetings, their names and postal mailing addresses (but not email addresses) go onto a meeting list for that meeting. The Academy occasionally shares those names and mailing addresses with exhibitors at Academy functions. A member or attendee can request at the time of registration that her or his name and postal mailing address not be disclosed to exhibitors.

Email addresses are not part of the membership database on the "Physician Finder." Members use their email addresses to access their member portals. AAOA uses member email addresses internally to communicate with members. AAOA members use their email addresses to vote, to renew their memberships, to register for meetings, to buy products, and to communicate with the AAOA office. AAOA and its Foundation also occasionally use members' email addresses to contact members to gather information for scientific research. Member email addresses are occasionally provided to those organizing special events at the same time as AAOA meetings so that attendees can be invited to those events. The Academy may share members' email addresses with the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, as required by that organization, for its use in contacting AAOA members.

Members may use their credit cards to renew memberships or to register for meetings or for other purposes. The Academy and Foundation do not disclose credit-card information outside the process of processing the transaction.

The Academy from time to time provides the publicly available names and postal mailing addresses of members for a fee to distributors of medical products or services the Academy believes members may wish to know about. Those distributors receiving such member information are prohibited from distributing it further. In addition, such distributors are required



to provide the Academy in advance exemplars of what they plan to send to members and are only authorized by the Academy to use the information one time each time the information is provided. The Academy does not, however, endorse any distributors of goods or services in that process. The Academy does not disclose email addresses to vendors or exhibitors.

European members must explicitly authorize the Academy to use the member's personal data, including name, address and email address.

The Academy does not knowingly receive any information about anyone younger than thirteen years old (except occasionally for scientific presentations information about patients of that age not identifying the patient), and if it learns that it has received any such information outside the Academy's policy, the Academy's policy is to delete such information.

We take privacy seriously and believe this policy reflects a conscientious approach by the Academy to protect the privacy of AAOA members. Any member who wishes to opt-out of any Academy use of member information may do so by contacting the AAOA office in writing at 11130 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 100, Reston, Virginia 20191 or by email at contact@aoallergy.org, or, in the case of information provided at registration for a meeting, by so indicating at the time of registration.