

Privacy Policy of the Medical University of Graz
on the handling of personal data
for research purposes

1. Principle

The Medical University of Graz is responsible for the processing of your personal data and implements technical and organisational measures to protect them appropriately. The processing of your personal data is carried out in accordance with applicable national and European laws and regulations, including without limitation, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Austrian Data Protection Act (Datenschutzgesetz - DSG), the Austrian Research Organisation Act (Forschungsorganisationsgesetz - FOG), the Austrian Medicines Act (Arzneimittelgesetz - AMG), the Austrian Medical Devices Act (Medizinproduktegesetz - MPG) and the Austrian Hospitals and Sanatoriums Act (Krankenanstalten- und Kuranstaltengesetz - KAKuG).

2. The use of personal data

In cooperation with the Steiermärkische Krankenanstaltengesellschaft mbH, the Medical University of Graz treats patients at the University Hospital Graz according to the latest state of science. The knowledge thereby gained is of particular importance for research as well as for medical education.

In the context of your medical treatment, diagnostics, participation in clinical studies or clinical trials, your personal data will primarily be processed to provide you with the best possible medical care. In further consequence, the Medical University of Graz may also use them for medical research, the aim of which is to improve diagnostics, to deepen the understanding of the emergence of diseases, to find new approaches for treatment or to optimise medical care. The processing of your personal data for research purposes is of great importance for medical progress.

Your personal data will be processed in such a way that your identity cannot be inferred directly from the data. Before a research project involving human subjects is implemented, it is submitted for assessment to the ethics committee of the Medical University of Graz.

Eventually, within the context of research projects, your personal data will be passed on to partners and/or third parties in Austria, the European Union or third countries.

All persons who receive access to your personal data are legally and contractually bound to maintain data secrecy.

Your personal data will be processed on the basis of legal provisions for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes (Art. 9 para. 2 lit. j GDPR) or on the basis of your explicit consent (Art. 9 para. 2 lit. a GDPR).

3. Storage period

The personal data provided will be stored for the duration of statutory retention periods.

4. Information

You have the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restriction of processing, the right to data portability, the right to object and the right to withdraw consent. Consent can be withdrawn by you at any time. Please note that the withdrawal does not affect the processing that has taken place up to that point.

In this regard, please contact the data protection officer (datenschutz@medunigraz.at), who will also be available to answer any questions you may have on the subject of data protection. We would also like to point out that complaints or claims in connection with data protection may be lodged with the data protection authority of the Republic of Austria.