

# The International Knee Society Privacy Policy

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Effective Date: 01/01/2025

## 1. Information We Collect

We may collect and process the following types of information:

- Personal Information: Such as your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, and organization affiliation when voluntarily submitted through forms, newsletter signups, event registrations, or member services.
- Non-Personal Information: Including browser type, IP address, pages visited, and usage data collected automatically through cookies and analytics tools.

## 2. How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Provide access to our services, publications, and events.
- Respond to inquiries and member requests.
- Improve our website functionality and user experience.
- Send newsletters, updates, and event notifications (you can opt out anytime).
- Comply with legal obligations.

## 3. Sharing of Information

We do not sell, rent, or lease your personal data. We may share your information only:

- With trusted third-party service providers who assist in operating our website and services, under strict confidentiality agreements.
- If required by law, legal process, or government request.
- In the event of a merger or organizational restructuring, with notice provided.

## 4. Cookies and Tracking Technologies

Our website uses cookies and other tracking technologies to improve user experience. You can control cookie preferences through your browser settings.

## 5. Data Security

We implement industry-standard security measures to protect your personal information. However, no system is 100% secure, and we cannot guarantee absolute protection.

## 6. Your Rights

Depending on your location, you may have rights regarding your personal data, including:

- Accessing your information.
- Requesting corrections or deletions.
- Objecting to processing.

- Withdrawing consent.

To exercise these rights, please contact us at: [Insert Contact Email]

## **7. Third-Party Links**

Our site may contain links to external websites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those sites.

## **8. Children's Privacy**

Our services are not intended for individuals under the age of 16. We do not knowingly collect data from children.

## **9. Updates to This Policy**

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically. Changes will be posted on this page with the updated effective date.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy, please contact:

The International Knee Society  
1515 East Woodfield Road  
Suite 345  
Schaumburg, IL 60173, USA  
Email: [iksinfo@hip-knee.org](mailto:iksinfo@hip-knee.org)

## **Legal Basis for Processing Personal Data**

We process your personal data based on one or more of the following legal bases:

- Your explicit consent;
- The necessity of processing for the performance of a contract with you;
- Compliance with our legal obligations;
- Our legitimate interests, provided these do not override your rights and freedoms.

## **Data Retention**

We retain your personal data only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which we collected it, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. When we no longer require your personal data, we will securely delete or anonymize it.

## **Additional Data Subject Rights**

In addition to the rights already stated, under GDPR you also have the following rights:

- The right to data portability;
- The right to restrict the processing of your personal data;
- The right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning you.

## **Consent Management**

You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us at [Insert Contact Email]. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

## **International Data Transfers**

If your personal data is transferred outside the European Economic Area (EEA), we ensure appropriate safeguards are in place, such as the use of standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission, or the country of destination has an adequacy decision.

## **Data Controller**

The data controller responsible for your personal data is:

The International Knee Society  
1515 East Woodfield Road  
Suite 345  
Schaumburg, IL 60173, USA  
Email: [iksinfo@hip-knee.org](mailto:iksinfo@hip-knee.org)

## **Lodging a Complaint**

If you believe your data protection rights have been violated, you have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in your EU member state. You can find a list of supervisory authorities here: [https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/board/members\\_en](https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/board/members_en)