

PRIVACY POLICY

Introduction

Welcome to the website or PATHway site of the American Board of Pathology (“ABPath,” “we,” or “us”). We are committed to respecting your privacy and to protecting information that you provide to us.

The purpose of this Privacy Policy is to describe what data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it, and why, and when it is shared with third parties. Our goal in establishing this Privacy Policy is to assure you that information disclosed to us is handled appropriately, respecting the privacy of your information.

Information We May Collect

Personal Information: We require that physicians, seeking board certification or subspecialty certification, diplomates, and volunteers who support ABPath operations provide certain personally identifiable information, including name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, date of birth, government-issued identification numbers, education, professional background information, account or registration information, communication preferences, and information voluntarily submitted through forms, registrations, assessments, or customer support interactions.

We use this Personal Information to identify and communicate with physicians regarding accounts, assessments, registrations, or support requests, to determine their board eligibility to become a candidate for certification and to maintain their certification, to provide requested services, to send operational or transactional notifications, to send SMS/text messages where consent has been provided, to improve our services and website functionality, and to maintain security and compliance obligations.

By applying for certification or submitting information for continuing certification and providing data to us, whether through applications, surveys, forms, or other means, physicians consent to our use of their data in accordance with this Privacy Policy. Physicians may make limited changes to their Personal Information at any time by visiting our website, clicking the “Log In” button at the top right corner, and accessing “PATHway.”

By providing a mobile phone number and opting in, users consent to receive SMS/text messages related to account notifications, authentication or verification codes, appointment or assessment reminders, operational updates, customer support communications, and other requested business-related communications. Message frequency may vary and message and data rates may apply. Users may opt out at any time by replying: STOP. For assistance, users may reply: HELP.

SMS consent is obtained through voluntary user actions such as website forms, application/registration processes, account settings, written agreements, and verbal or electronic consent mechanisms. Consent to receive SMS messages is not shared with third parties for marketing purposes.

Training Information: We require that program directors and/or program coordinators provide certain personal information, including resident/fellow name, email address, years of training, date of birth, government-issued identification numbers, training qualifications, and credentialing information. Program directors and program coordinators may change Personal Information annually by logging into Resident Tracking through the ABPath website.

Survey Information: We may include surveys as part of the application and examination process, Continuing Certification Program (formerly Maintenance of Certification), and at the end of exams. At

times, we may survey residents, fellows or diplomates directly concerning specific topics. This information is used for internal business purposes, to inform and improve our programs, and to anticipate trends in the pathology workforce.

Financial Information: Any payment information you provide via our websites for payment to ABPath is securely transmitted to our third-party payment processors Authorize.net or Stripe. ABPath never stores credit card or banking information and has no access to this information.

Web Browser Information: We maintain IP addresses and web browser and location information. This information is used for internal business purposes, to analyze and improve the performance of our applications such as the Histology Primer, in-training assessments and electronic notebook.

Committee Information: We maintain correspondence and data associated with the submission and review of exam questions by our test development committee members for reference.

How Information is Used for Internal Business Purposes: The ABPath makes information available to its employees and vendors for internal business purposes only, such as tracking the training of residents and fellows; credentialing physicians for initial certification and continuing certification; question development and examination creation; registration, administration, and scoring of examinations; and recording completion of certification and continuing certification activities required by the ABPath.

Release of Information to Third Parties for Business Purposes: Except as provided in this Policy, we regard all personally identifiable information as private and confidential, and will therefore use it only for our internal business purposes. We may disclose certain information in certain circumstances, including the following:

1. Diplomate Data

We consider a physician's certification status, including the status of the physician's participation in the ABPath's Continuing Certification Program, to be public information. We may provide and display a physician's current certification status. We disclose this information to third parties on request.

We share, subject to an agreement limiting reuse, information regarding a diplomate's certification status, certain personal information, and educational information with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), which publishes The Official ABMS Directory of Board Certified Medical Specialists and <https://www.certificationmatters.org/>, and with the Cooperating Societies of the ABPath.

2. Aggregate Data

We regard the results of an individual physician's examination, ABPath-approved activity performance, and survey responses as private and confidential. We may make available the aggregate results of various groups (e.g., residents, fellows, diplomates) at our discretion. We publish examination pass rates on our website to inform the public; however, we do not identify individual physicians, only aggregated exam results.

3. Resident/Fellow Summary Evaluation Data

We provide residency/fellowship training program directors the pass/fail results of their residents and fellows on their certifying examinations.

4. Additional Data

For the administration of certification examinations, we release information necessary for the administration of examinations by a commercial testing company and release examination data to a third party to score examinations. We will enter reasonable confidentiality agreements with these third parties to safeguard the information/data.

For joint/co-sponsoring board certifications, when we are not the administering board, we release information necessary for the administering board to permit the physician to qualify and take the examination. We release data to third parties to deliver examinations. This currently applies only to Clinical Informatics certification.

5. Electronic Communications

We may use third party companies to deliver electronic communications. We will enter reasonable confidentiality agreements with these third parties to safeguard the information they transmit on our behalf.

Conditional Release of Information

We do not sell, rent, or share personal information or SMS consent data with third parties or affiliates for marketing purposes. Information may be shared only with service providers supporting business operations, as required by law, to protect security or rights, or as necessary to provide requested services.

1. Misconduct

We reserve the right to disclose information in our possession to appropriate investigators or entities (e.g., state medical boards, credentialing bodies) regarding any individual whom the ABPath, in our sole and absolute discretion, suspects or determines has: (i) violated our rules, policies, procedures, or required competencies (e.g. codes of ethical behavior); (ii) engaged in misrepresentation or unprofessional behavior; (iii) had his/her diplomate status revoked or been otherwise disciplined.

2. Court Order

We will disclose all relevant information in our possession for which we do not have a claim of legal privilege in response to a lawful subpoena, court order, or an authorized request by a government or regulatory entity. We may also disclose personal information if we believe it is necessary to investigate, prevent or take action regarding suspected illegal activities.

3. Consent

We will release information not otherwise disclosed pursuant to this Privacy Policy to third parties upon the direction of and receipt of a signed authorization from the individual for whom the information pertains.

Protection of Your Information

ABPath has put in place various physical, electronic, and managerial safeguards designed to protect personal information from unauthorized access, disclosure, or misuse. Such security is not impenetrable, and therefore ABPath cannot guarantee that information transmitted to us over the internet will not be intercepted and therefore may not remain private. ABPath is not responsible for any damages incurred as a result of any such security breach. However, personal information is retained only as long as reasonably necessary for business, legal, operational, or compliance purposes.

Credit card processing activities and related technologies comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS). We undergo regular audits by an independent security firm to ensure our compliance with the PCI-DSS and other security standards. We will not share an individual's financial information with third parties for any other purpose, except as required by law (such as complying with a subpoena or court order).

Users may request to access their personal information, update inaccurate information, withdraw communication consent, or request deletion where applicable by law.

Changes to This Privacy Policy

We reserve the right to periodically update or change this Privacy Policy. Posting of an update to this Privacy Policy on our website will serve as notice of that update. The updated statement (along with its effective date) may be viewed by visiting our website and selecting the "Privacy Policy" link at the bottom of the home page.

By logging onto the PATHway website and using it to submit information, you signify your agreement with the terms of the Privacy Policy and that you release and hold harmless ABPath, its trustees, and employees from any and all claims arising from the loss, misuse or alteration of personal information submitted by you.

Questions regarding this policy or SMS communications may be directed to the American Board of Pathology, One Urban Centre, Ste. 690, 4830 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609, questions@abpath.org or call (813) 286-2444.

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