



PHRI Privacy Notice

The Population Health Research Institute (PHRI) is an academic research institute, affiliated with Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and McMaster University, and is located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Our mission is to conduct trans-disciplinary research to improve major health outcomes in common and neglected conditions affecting Canadians and populations across the world. For more information about PHRI, please visit our website at <https://www.phri.ca/>.

PHRI is considered a data controller, and this means we are responsible for looking after the data we collect about you. This Privacy Notice explains how PHRI uses the personal data we collect from you and how you can exercise your data protection rights. If you have any questions or concerns about our use of your data or would like to exercise any of your rights, please contact us at: Population Health Research Institute, 237 Barton Street East, Hamilton, Ontario L8L 2X2, Canada, Email: DPO@phri.ca

How does PHRI collect your data?

PHRI collects your data from participating research hospitals and clinics around the world. The research sites obtain research ethics and regulatory approvals to conduct the research study, and sign research agreements with PHRI that direct the conduct of the research. Research site personnel will collect your data and enter it into an electronic database.

What data does PHRI collect?

The data we collect is for research purposes. PHRI may collect the following data:

- Your age, gender, race/ ethnicity
- Information about your health and medical conditions
- Test reports, images, biological samples and results learned from analyzing them

How will PHRI use your data?

PHRI collects your data for the purposes of research and meeting the objectives of the research study to which you provided consent. We will use your data for the following purposes:

- Answer important questions about health concerns
- Answer important questions about treatment for health concerns

How does PHRI store your data?

PHRI securely stores your data at the PHRI Data Centre located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. PHRI has organisational and technical measures to protect your data. For more information about PHRI organizational and technical measures, please contact us at Population Health Research Institute, 237 Barton Street East, Hamilton, Ontario L8L 2X2, Canada, Email: DPO@phri.ca

PHRI will keep your data for as long as required by research regulations.

Who will PHRI share my data with?

In certain circumstances, PHRI may share your data with the following recipients:

- PHRI affiliates
- Third party services providers and partners who provide data processing services for purposes of research
- Competent law enforcement and/ or regulatory body, research ethics board, government agency, court or other party where disclosure is necessary (i) as a matter of applicable law or regulation, or (ii) to exercise, establish or defend our legal rights
- Any other party with your prior written consent to the disclosure

International data transfers

Your data may be transferred to a country other than the country in which you are a resident. Data that is processed by PHRI will be transferred to the PHRI Data Centre located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Also, there may be data that is transferred to PHRI by a third-party located in another country. These countries may have data protection laws that are different to the laws of your country.

PHRI has contractual arrangements with research sites and third parties and ensures appropriate safeguards are in place to ensure protection at the level set by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more information about PHRI's safeguards, please contact us at Population Health Research Institute.



What are your data protection rights?

PHRI would like to make sure you are aware of your data protection rights. You are entitled to the following:

- **The right to access**- you have the right to request PHRI for copies of your personal data. We may charge you a small fee for this service.
- **The right to rectification**- You have the right to request that PHRI correct any information you believe is inaccurate. You also have the right to request PHRI to complete the information you believe is incomplete.
- **The right to erasure** – You have the right to request that PHRI erase your personal data, under certain conditions.
- **The right to restrict processing** – You have the right to request that PHRI restrict the processing of your personal data, under certain conditions.
- **The right to object to processing** – You have the right to object to PHRI processing of your personal data, under certain conditions.
- **The right to data portability** – You have the right to request that PHRI transfer the data that we have collected to another organization, or directly to you, under certain conditions.

If you make a request, we will respond to you within one month. If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact us at:

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Changes to our Privacy Notice

PHRI keeps its privacy notice under regular review and places any updates on this webpage. This privacy notice was last updated on 2025 March 04.

How to contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about our use of your personal information, please contact our data protection officer using the following details: DPO@phri.ca