

## **Pan African Medical Journal Privacy policy (as of May 2007)**

Privacy is an important concern for internet users, so we take it very seriously. This is what we do to protect users' personal information:

### **What personal information does the Pan African Medical Journal ask users to supply, and why?**

Registration to our website is entirely optional and voluntary. We do not require users to provide personal information in order to browse or to view articles. We do not require any personal information to be submitted from users. Nor do these functions require the user's browser to be set to accept cookies.

To ensure scientific integrity and to protect confidentiality, we require users to provide information such as name and email to access the manuscript submission system. Information provided by users during registration will also be used in order to provide highly customized and personalization facilities.

In accordance with international guidelines, registrants may decline to provide the information requested. They should be advised, however, that we won't be able to access reserved space for which information necessary for security and identification purposes must be provided.

### **What further information does the Pan African Medical Journal track and why?**

In order to offer the best possible service to users, we track the patterns of usage of pages on the site. This enables us to identify the most popular articles and services and to inform users about the how often their articles is accessed. Where users have provided details of their research areas of interest, this information can be correlated, helping us to provide a useful service for scientists, offering them the most relevant information based on their areas of interest.

### **What is the Pan African Medical Journal's policy on sharing e-mail addresses with third parties?**

User information will only be shared with third parties with the explicit consent of the user. If the user has explicitly opted to receive special offer and product information e-mails from our partners, then we may from time to time e-mail the user on behalf of these partner companies. However, we will never give user's details to third parties without user's explicit consent.

### **What is Pan African Medical Journal's policy on e-mailing its registered members?**

We may contact our members from time to time to draw the member's attention to information that may be of interest. Members may opt out from receiving such e-mail when registering as a member, or at any time thereafter by responding to such an e-mail or contacting customer services.

### **What is Pan African Medical Journal's policy on using demographic information about users for online advertising purposes?**

Our journal offers free access to research articles; so support from advertisers is important to keep this business model running. Statistical demographic information (gender, title, country, age) provided by our members may be supplied to advertisers. We may target online advertising to specific users on the basis of this demographic information, or on the basis of their past behavior on the site, but information about an individual user will never be passed on to an advertiser without the users' express consent.

## **How does this privacy policy relate to authors of research articles published in the Pan African Medical Journal**

Publishing a scientific manuscript is inherently a public (as opposed to anonymous) process. The name and e-mail address of the corresponding author of research articles will be available to registered users of the Pan African Medical Journal. These details are made available purely to facilitate scientific communication. Collecting these e-mail addresses for commercial use is not permitted. We will never send unsolicited e-mail to authors, unless it directly concerns the paper they have published on the Pan African Medical Journal. At any time, authors may decide to not accept these emails.

## **Use of cookies**

The Pan African Medical Journal Central uses cookies to track usage. For auto login a cookie is sent from our server and is stored on your computer's hard drive.

Session cookies are also sent from our server to your computer and used for session management. However these cookies do not remain on your hard drive on completion of your session.

We also use cookies:

- Enable us to identify you without having to ask you for username and password.
- Measure usage.
- Track movement within the Pan African Medical Journal.

If you do not wish to accept any of these cookies or wish to be notified when a cookie is sent you can modify your browser preferences. If you refuse to accept the permanent cookie that is saved on your computer's hard drive then you will not be able to use the Auto login facility. If you choose not to accept session cookies then you may not be able to use all of the facilities offered on the Pan African Medical Journal.

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The Pan African Medical Journal reserves the right to disclose members' personal information if required to do so by law, or in the good faith and belief that such action is reasonably necessary to comply with legal process, respond to claims, or protect the rights, property or safety of the Pan African Medical Journal members or volunteers.

## **Any questions or concerns about privacy?**

If you have any questions or concerns about your privacy and the Pan African Medical Journal privacy policy, [contact us](#).