

# Privacy policy

## General information

The protection of your personal data is an absolute priority for the Swiss Society of Paediatric Cardiology (SSPC). The SSPC processes your personal data in accordance with current Swiss and European data protection legislation. Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will not be sold to third parties or passed on in any other way. In the following sections, we inform you about the nature, scope and purposes of the collection and use of personal data obtained when you visit our website or use our contact form.

## Person responsible for the website

The person responsible for this website within the meaning of the Data Protection Act is:

**Swiss Society of Paediatric Cardiology/Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Pädiatrische Kardiologie  
p/a Dr. Milan Prša  
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV)  
Rue du Bugnon 46  
CH-1011 Lausanne (VD)**

If you have any questions or comments about the SSPC's privacy policy, or if you believe that this policy is not being followed, please email us at the following address:

SSPC Secretary  
e-mail: [secretary@pediatriccardiology.ch](mailto:secretary@pediatriccardiology.ch)

## Legal basis for data processing

The SSPC only processes personal data within a valid legal framework. As such, this corresponds to:

- Your consent
- The performance of a contract
- Statutory obligations
- Safeguarding the legitimate interests of the SSPC or the legitimate interests of a third party

## Your rights

At any time, you have the right to ask whether personal data relating to you has been recorded by SSPC, and to find out what that personal data is. You also have the right to object to the processing of your data, as well as to limit their processing or to have them deleted. You may also exercise your right to data portability. If you believe that your data has been processed unlawfully, you may lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority. If you wish to object to the collection, processing or use of your personal data, if you wish your personal data to be rectified, blocked, erased or information about you to be provided, if you have any questions about the collection, processing or use of your personal data, or if you wish to withdraw your consent, please send us your request to the above e-mail address, and cease all use of the website whatsoever.

## **Collection of data when visiting our website**

When you visit our website, you transmit data to our web server via your Internet browser for technical reasons. The following data is recorded during a current connection for communication between your internet browser and our web server:

- Date and time of the request
- Internet browser and operating system used
- Full IP address of the requesting computer

The data is stored by the server's operating system for security reasons, to investigate cases of misuse, for example. However, this data does not allow us to identify individuals. The data may be checked only in the event of specific indications of illegal use, by the competent authorities or their associates.

## **How to contact us via the website**

If you contact the SSPC via this website, the personal data you provide will be automatically stored, temporarily, to enable the contact form to be processed, as well as to identify the communication and enable the connection between the two parties in the connection. Without this storage by the site's operating system, the data could not be routed to its destination. Since it is sent on a voluntary basis, data from the contact form will be stored for processing purposes or to contact you. Under no circumstances will this personal data be passed on to third parties.

## **Use of cookies**

This website uses "cookies". A cookie is a small static text file that is stored permanently or temporarily when you visit a website. The main purpose of these cookies is to analyse the use of this website for statistical purposes and its continuous improvement. You can completely or partially deactivate cookies at any time in your browser settings. However, if cookies are deactivated, certain functions of this website may no longer function correctly.

## **What are cookies?**

Cookies are small files which are stored on your data medium and which record certain parameters and data for exchange between our system/server and your browser. In principle, there are two different types of cookie: session cookies, which are deleted as soon as you close your browser, and temporary/permanent cookies, which are stored on your data medium for a longer or indefinite period. This storage helps us to tailor our web pages and offers to your needs and makes them easier to use, for example by storing certain information so that you do not have to re-enter it each time you visit, or to select your preferred display language. The session cookies used on our site also enable the secure transmission protocols between [www.pediatriccardiology.ch](http://www.pediatriccardiology.ch) and your web browser to confirm that the information requests are yours and legitimate.

## **What cookies does the [www.pediatriccardiology.ch](http://www.pediatriccardiology.ch) site use?**

Most of the cookies we use are automatically deleted from your storage disk at the end of the browser session (end of visit or session, therefore called session cookies). We also use cookies that remain on your hard drive. The next time you visit, the server will recognise your device and will be able to use the settings or entries from your preferences or previous visits. These temporary or permanent cookies (with a lifespan of 1 month to 10 years) are stored on your hard drive and are

automatically deleted at the end of the specified period. These cookies enable us to make our services more user-friendly, more effective and safer. Thanks to these files, it is possible, for example, for us not to have to ask you to accept the confidentiality contract each time you visit, and to prevent the repeated or fraudulent use of our contact form by spam engines. The sole purpose of these cookies is to make browsing our site as pleasant as possible for you, while protecting the site from automated illicit access.

### **What data is stored in cookies?**

The cookies used by [www.pediatriccardiology.ch](http://www.pediatriccardiology.ch) store pseudonymous data only. When the cookie is activated, it receives an encrypted identification number that is not assigned to your personal data. The cookie does not store your name, IP address or any other similar data that could be used to identify you and attribute the cookie in question to you. Thanks to cookie technology, we only receive pseudonymised information, such as the pages of our website that have been visited, the articles or files that have been consulted, etc. We do not use cookies to identify you. We do not use cookies to identify you.

### **How can you prevent cookies from being stored?**

You can configure your browser so that it only accepts the storage of cookies if you give your consent. As a general rule, the help function, or settings, in the menu bar of your web browser tells you how to refuse new cookies and deactivate cookies that have already been stored. We recommend that you always disconnect completely after using computers which are configured to accept cookies and which may be shared with other users.

### **Analysis of use by Google Analytics**

Google Analytics is a service provided by Google Inc, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA ("Google"). Google Analytics uses "cookies", which are text files placed on your computer, to help the website analyse how users use the site. The information collected by the cookie during your use of our website (including your IP address) will generally be transmitted to and stored by Google on servers in the United States. Please note that Google Analytics has added the code "`gat._anonymizeIp();`" to our web pages in order to ensure that IP addresses are stored anonymously (so-called IP masking). At our request, Google will only store your IP address in abbreviated form, which guarantees your anonymity and does not allow any conclusions to be drawn about your identity. If IP anonymisation is activated on our websites, Google will first shorten your IP address in the Member States of the European Union or in the other States party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area. Only in exceptional cases will the full IP address be transmitted to and shortened by Google on servers in the United States. Google will use this information for the purpose of evaluating your use of our websites, compiling reports on website activity for website operators and providing other services relating to website activity and internet usage. The IP address transmitted by your browser as part of Google Analytics will not be combined with any other data held by Google. Google will only pass this data on to third parties where this is required by law or where the data processing is permitted. Google will under no circumstances combine your data with other data collected by Google. By using this website, you consent to the processing of data about you by Google in the manner and for the purposes set out above. You may refuse the use of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser, however please note that if you do this you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website. However, please note that if you select these settings, you may not be able to access all the features of our website. Finally, you can prevent Google from collecting the data generated by the cookie and relating to your use of these web pages (including your IP address) and from processing this data by

downloading and installing a browser plug-in available under the following link. Further information on Google Analytics and data protection can be found at <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout?hl=fr>.

### **Use of your data for advertising purposes**

The data provided by visitors to the site, such as their name and e-mail address, is never passed on to third parties under any circumstances. It is possible that this data may be used, exclusively by the SSPC, to inform you of an event in which the SSPC is participating that may be of interest to you. If you do not wish to receive such information, simply let us know at: [secretary@pediatriccardiology.ch](mailto:secretary@pediatriccardiology.ch)

### **Secure data transmission**

As transport encryption, we use the current HTTPS secure protocol, through a Let's Encrypt certificate, provided by Infomaniak SA for our website. To ensure the secure transfer of information on the visitor's side too, we recommend that you always keep your Internet browser up to date, as well as the operating system of your mobile, computer, tablet, or any device used to visit our site.

### **Routine deletion and blocking of personal data**

The SSPC processes and stores the personal data of data subjects only for the period necessary to achieve the purpose of storage, or if this has been provided for by the legal requirements to which the responsible persons are subject. If the purpose of storage is no longer valid or if a legal storage period expires, the personal data will be blocked or deleted regularly and in accordance with the legal provisions.

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