

CHIRON (2.0) Privacy Policy

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Introduction

Community Health Interests for Researchers & Oversight Networks (CHIRON) is a research project. Our goal is to develop and pilot a toolkit that will encourage researchers, ethics boards, and data access committees to consider group interests as they plan, execute, and report on big health data research.

This website is the second iteration of CHIRON, created following pilot testing on the first website (<https://sites.google.com/sagebase.org/chiron/home>).

This privacy policy explains how we collect, use, and protect your information. By using CHIRON, you agree to this privacy policy.

Information We Collect

Email Communications

If you contact us by email, we receive the information you choose to share in that communication (such as your email address and message content). We use this information only to respond to inquiries or feedback.

Website Analytics

This website uses WP Statistics, a privacy-focused analytics plugin for WordPress, to understand overall website usage.

What WP Statistics collects:

WP Statistics collects aggregated, anonymized usage data about how the website is accessed. This includes:

- Page URLs viewed
- Referring websites (e.g., links from other sites)
- Browser and operating system type (derived from the User-Agent, which is not stored in full)
- Device type (e.g., desktop or mobile)
- Approximate geographic location (country, region, and city level)

To count visits without identifying individuals, WP Statistics uses anonymized and hashed IP addresses combined with a daily rotating salt. This process prevents identification of individual users and prevents tracking across days.

What WP Statistics Does Not Collect

- No names, email addresses, or contact information
- No cookies or similar tracking technologies
- No persistent identifiers
- No tracking across websites or devices
- No personally identifiable information (PII)

Analytics data is collected in aggregate to understand overall site usage trends, not individual behavior.

Data Storage

Analytics data collected by WP Statistics is stored locally in this website's WordPress database. The CHIRON team has full ownership and control of this data. It is not shared with WP Statistics or any third party.

Information We Do NOT Collect

- Google Analytics or similar third-party tracking services
- Cookies for analytics or tracking purposes
- Trustworthiness Calculator Responses
 - Responses to the [Trustworthiness Calculator](#) are not visible to anyone aside from the responding user and are not stored.

Use of Information

We use information only in the following ways:

- To respond to emails
- To understand general website usage patterns in order to improve site usability

We do not use collected information for marketing, profiling, or advertising purposes.

Data Sharing

We do not sell, rent, or share website analytics data or email communications with third parties.

Website analytics data remains under the control of the CHIRON team and is used only for internal purposes.

Cookies and Tracking Technologies

This website does not use cookies or similar tracking technologies for analytics or visitor tracking.

Data Security

Email communications are received to a Google account and are therefore stored on Google's servers.

We maintain the security of email communications by limiting our Google account access to CHIRON project team members. Security of team members' accounts is maintained through strong passwords and multi-factor authentication.

For further information on how Google secures its servers, please refer to [Google's data policies](#).

User Rights

Because this website does not collect personal data through analytics, there is generally no personal information to access, correct, or delete.

If you contact us by email and have questions about how your communication is handled, you may contact us using the information provided on this site.

Changes to this Privacy Policy

We may update this privacy policy from time to time. We will notify users of significant changes by displaying a notification on our website.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about this privacy policy, please contact us at chiron@sagebase.org