



Children's Privacy Policy

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Protecting children's privacy is very important to the OI Foundation. We hope the following policy will help you understand how the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation ("OI Foundation") collects, uses, and safeguards the personal information users under the age of 13 might provide to us. (Generally applicable terms and conditions of participating in the OI Communities chatroom, message boards, and instant messaging services may be found on the OI Communities information page.) When you provide any personal information to the OI Foundation, you and your parent or legal guardian have choices about how your data is used.

The OI Communities are not intended for users under the age of 13. Should children under age 13 wish to register on the website to gain access to the OI Communities, the user's parent or legal guardian must provide prior approval. The OI Foundation will not solicit more data than reasonably necessary from users, and will not knowingly mail to or market services to children.

Information Requested

Federal law prohibits website operators from requiring submission of more personal information than is reasonably necessary for participation from users under the age of 13. The OI Foundation is committed to protecting children's privacy and, therefore, the OI Communities require only a user's name and e-mail address. Children under the age of 13 are not required to complete the "full" registration process, and are only required to provide a logon name and e-mail through the "quick registration" form. However, users may volunteer additional personal information and/or block public access to it. Registration is necessary for technical administration of the OI Communities and maintaining the integrity of the forums.

Since authentication on the Internet is difficult, the OI Foundation cannot ensure that any user of the OI Communities is who he/she claims to be. Please be aware that there are risks -- including but not limited to the risk of physical harm -- of communicating with strangers, underage persons, and/or people acting under false pretenses. The OI Foundation strongly recommends that you do not share your name, age, address, e-mail address, telephone number, or any other personal information on-line with persons whom you do not know.

In general, the OI Foundation website gathers information about users as a group, such as which areas users visit most frequently and what services users access the most. This website automatically collects information about users' IP address, browser type, domain name, date and time of access, and general location (country of access). The OI Foundation only uses such data in the aggregate to analyze site traffic and to determine what is most relevant to users.

Once users log in to the website, the pages which they browse are tracked automatically in order to deliver materials relevant to the user's search. This information is not shared, sold, or accessible to any other party or website.

The OI Foundation may also request additional information on a voluntary basis from users, such as information regarding interests, opinion of this website, and the types of products and information in which users are interested. Such information is used to guide website and program improvements.

This website uses cookies to facilitate on-line purchases and donations, and to provide the "remember me" function at the user's request.

Users should be aware that the OI Foundation chatroom, message boards, and instant messaging services are made possible through Digi-Net Technologies, Inc. (www.digi-net.com). [*Digi-Net does not collect personal information from users of the OI Communities. In general, Digi-Net automatically gathers information about users as a group (users' IP address, browser type, domain name, date and time of access, and general location / country of access) as does the OI Foundation. This data is used in the aggregate to analyze site traffic and to determine what is most relevant to users. Digi-Net does not share, sell, or disclose this information to any other party or website.*] The OI Foundation does not control nor take responsibility for any use of the information collected by or submitted to Digi-Net.

The resource links located on this website will direct users to websites outside www.oif.org. The OI Foundation does not control nor take responsibility for any use of the information collected by or submitted to these websites.

Prior Permission Required & Uses of Collected Information

Parents and legal guardians have the right to consent to the collection and use of their children's information without necessarily consenting to third-party disclosures, and may remove their children from secondary uses of this information by the OI Foundation.

Parents will be asked to mail or fax back a signed Parental Permission Form, which is available on the OI Foundation website or by calling the OI Foundation. The same form may also be used to place children on the "no chat" list. For further details on granting or withholding permission, please see the Parental Permission Form.

The OI Foundation will not give or sell users' personal information to any outside company for marketing or solicitation purposes. Other than to contractors who provide internal support to the OI Foundation website, the OI Foundation does not share personal information regarding users under age 13 to any outside parties. The OI Foundation does not have any agreements with third parties to collect personal information regarding users under age 13 through the OI Foundation website. However, the OI Foundation will disclose personal information if required by law or requested to do so by a parent or legal guardian.

The OI Foundation retains the personal information submitted by users for the purposes of electronic newsletters, soliciting donations from users, compiling the OI Foundation mailing list, and other uses deemed beneficial to users and related to the OI Foundation's mission. Users are also invited to participate in the OI Foundation's on-line membership directory. Users may opt out of these secondary uses by submitting an unsubscribe request, checking the appropriate box on the registration page, sending an e-mail request to the address above, or contacting the OI Foundation at the address or number listed above.

Right to Review

The OI Foundation seeks to maintain accurate information regarding users. **Parents and legal guardians have the right to review the information collected by the OI Foundation, prevent the further use or maintenance of that information, and/or direct us to delete a child's personal information.** This may be done through the user's account management page, or by contacting the OI Foundation. Parents, should you discover that your child has inadvertently been placed on our e-mail or direct mail list, simply reply to the e-mail address included in every e-mail message you receive, call us at the phone number listed above, or write to us at the address shown above, or on the direct mail piece and we will immediately remove him or her from any future communications.

Security

Only OI Foundation staff have access to the OI Foundation's electronic databases. Internal practices are in place to help protect users' privacy by limiting employee access to and use of this data. Sensitive information, including credit card numbers, is protected with SSL encryption during transmission and is then deleted; the OI Foundation does not retain credit card information in its databases. User information is stored on equipment that is physically and electronically safeguarded against unauthorized access, use, and damage.

Should completion of a requested transaction necessitate sharing information with another party, such as a credit card company, the OI Foundation endeavors to work only with partners who adhere to a compatible privacy policy.

More Information:

Should you wish to receive additional information regarding the OI Foundation's privacy policies and practices, please contact the OI Foundation at the address and numbers provided above.