

Privacy Policy

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC takes great pride in the relationships that it has developed with its patients and families. In keeping with this tradition, we at Children's Hospital are dedicated to protecting your privacy and handling any personal information we obtain from you with care and respect. This Minor Privacy Policy is designed to answer your questions regarding our privacy policies and principles with respect to minors under the age of 18. We recognize the need to provide additional privacy protections when minors visit our site. We explain those additional protections in this Minor Privacy Policy. For your convenience, this Minor Privacy Policy uses terms that are defined in our general Privacy Policy.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") requires that we inform parents and legal guardians about how we collect, use, and disclose personal information from minors under 13 years of age; and that we obtain the consent of parents and guardians in order for minors under 13 years of age to use certain features of our site. As a pediatric health care provider who values the protection of privacy of all its patients, we have extended the COPPA requirements to all Users who are under the age of 18.

If a minor under the age of 18 emails the "Share Your Story" address, to submit a story to the page, we use the parent's or legal guardian's e-mail address or phone number to notify them that the minor that submitted the story. We will obtain authorization from the parent or legal guardian to use the story and require that both the UPMC Authorization for Video, Audio, Recording, and Photographic Participation and Interviews Consent form and a UPMC Authorization to Release Protected Health Information form be signed before the story will be published.

We will not post any stories without a parent or legal guardian's consent if a child is under the age of 18.