Guardian Research Network
Website Terms & Privacy Notice

Purpose and Scope

This Notice describes how Guardian Research Network (GRN) manages information collected through its public website and through authorized research activities that may utilize connected health technologies.

Website Information Collection

GRN's website is primarily informational. GRN does not use advertising cookies, behavioral tracking technologies, marketing pixels, or similar technologies for advertising or profiling purposes. Information is collected only when voluntarily submitted through website contact forms, email communications, employment inquiries, or other direct interactions.

Cookies and Technical Operation

The website may utilize essential technical cookies required for website functionality, security, and session management. These cookies are not used for advertising, profiling, or marketing purposes.

Research Studies and Connected Health Technologies

Certain approved research studies may utilize connected health technologies, including Fitbit devices, Google Health services, wearable technologies, mobile applications, and other participant-authorized health information sources. Collection of such information occurs only after a participant has voluntarily enrolled in a study and provided the required informed consent and authorizations.

Participant Authorization and Informed Consent

Participation in research studies conducted or supported by GRN is voluntary. Prior to the collection of data from Fitbit, Google Health services, wearable devices, mobile health applications, or other connected health technologies, participants are provided with an Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved Informed Consent Form (ICF) describing the study, information to be collected, intended uses of the information, potential risks and benefits, and participant rights. The informed consent process serves as the primary authorization for the collection, use, retention, disclosure, and analysis of study-related information, including participant-authorized data obtained from connected health technologies.

Information Collected

Depending on the approved study protocol and permissions authorized by the participant through the informed consent process, GRN may receive activity metrics, exercise information, heart rate information, sleep information, participant-generated health information, device-generated health measurements, and other health-related information necessary to support approved research objectives. GRN limits collection to information reasonably necessary to conduct approved research activities and fulfill study objectives.

How Information Is Used

Connected-health information is used solely for approved research activities, study operations, clinical research, observational research, scientific analysis, and study-related reporting. GRN does not use such information for advertising, consumer marketing, profiling, or the sale of personal information.

Sharing of Information

Access is restricted to authorized personnel and approved research partners. Where appropriate, information may be de-identified, aggregated, or otherwise transformed prior to disclosure. GRN does not sell participant information.

Data Retention

Research information is retained in accordance with informed consent documents, approved study protocols, contractual obligations, applicable laws, regulatory requirements, sponsor requirements, and scientific integrity requirements.

Revocation and Withdrawal

Participants may discontinue future collection of connected-health information by revoking permissions through the applicable authorization process or by withdrawing from further participation in a study, subject to the terms described in the applicable informed consent form. Revocation prevents future collection of information. Information collected prior to revocation or withdrawal may continue to be retained and used as described in the informed consent form, approved study protocol, sponsor requirements, contractual obligations, and applicable legal requirements. As explained during the informed consent process, research records, study datasets, analyses, and de-identified information derived from previously collected data may continue to be

retained and used to preserve the integrity, validity, and completeness of approved research activities.

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