

Privacy Notice for Research and Development Activities in Connection with AI Technologies

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This Privacy Notice explains how Siemens Healthineers processes personal information in connection with research and development (R&D) activities involving artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. It applies to personal information transferred by hospitals, clinics, healthcare providers, research institutions, universities, and other collaboration partners (third parties) for purposes related to the development, validation, improvement, and support of AI-enabled technologies, medical devices, and related healthcare solutions.

This Privacy Notice describes what types of personal information we process, for which purposes this takes place, to which recipients such data may be disclosed, and what risks data subjects have in connection with our processing activities. It also describes the measures we are taking to protect personal information and explains how you can contact us about our privacy practices.

Responsible Party

Unless otherwise specified in project-specific information, the responsible party for the processing described in this Privacy Notice is the Siemens Healthineers entity that determines the purposes and means of the relevant processing. In many cases, this is Siemens Healthineers AG, Germany, or one of its affiliated companies that is responsible for the relevant processing (Siemens Healthineers).

In many cases, the Siemens Healthineers entity receiving the personal information and the third party providing the information act as independent responsible parties for their processing activities. To the extent Siemens Healthineers and a third party jointly determine the purposes and means of processing; they act as joint controllers within the meaning of applicable data protection law. More detailed information on the respective allocations of roles may be provided in specific information or the relevant data protection notices.

Which personal information does Siemens Healthineers process?

Siemens Healthineers does not collect personal information directly from individuals. Instead, we receive personal information from third parties in the context of patient care, research, clinical activities, device use, or related healthcare activities. We may process the following categories of personal information:

- Health data (for example, medical images, health records, and test results), biological samples (such as blood or tissue samples), and data resulting from the analysis of human biological samples

- Demographic information (for example, age, gender, and other relevant clinical details)
- Technical metadata (for example, information about how the data files were created, stored, or processed)

Siemens Healthineers does not receive information that would allow individual persons to be directly identified, such as names or contact details. Such information remains with the relevant third party and is not required for the processing carried out by Siemens Healthineers. The personal information made available to Siemens Healthineers is generally pseudonymized before it is shared with us, meaning that Siemens Healthineers does not have access to the information necessary to re-identify the data subject.

For what purposes do Siemens Healthineers use my Personal Information?

Siemens Healthineers processes personal information for research and development purposes as well as for the design, development, training, testing, validation, improvement, and fine-tuning of AI technologies, software, algorithms, and medical devices. This may include processing to assess safety, performance, accuracy, cybersecurity, and methodology; to create and maintain documentation and evidence required for quality management and regulatory compliance; and to support market surveillance, vigilance, product monitoring, error analysis, and corrective or preventive actions. Personal information may also be processed to collaborate with third parties and, where necessary, to establish, exercise, or defend legal claims.

Which legal basis does Siemens Healthineers rely on?

Siemens Healthineers processes personal information for the purposes described above based on the applicable legal basis under the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and any other applicable laws. Depending on the processing activity and the category of data, the following legal bases may apply:

- **Section 11(1)(a) and Section 27 of POPIA (consent)**, where you have explicitly consented to the processing of your personal information, including special categories of personal information
- **Section 11(1)(c) POPIA (legal obligation)**, where and to the extent the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
- **Section 27 POPIA (Special personal information)**, where and to the extent the processing of special personal information, including health information, is permitted under POPIA, including where an applicable exception to the general prohibition on processing special personal information applies
- **Section 11(1)(f) (legitimate interests -scientific research)**, where and to the extent the processing is necessary for scientific research purposes or for Siemens Healthineers research and development activities, including the development, validation, and improvement of AI technologies and medical devices, where such processing is

permitted under applicable South African law, including POPIA and applicable sector-specific laws and regulations.

- **Section 11(1)(f) POPIA**, where and to the extent the processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by Siemens Healthineers or a third party and your interests or fundamental rights and freedoms do not override those interests, in particular for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims.

Siemens Healthineers implements technical and organizational measures to protect personal information and ensure a high level of security, confidentiality, and integrity. These measures may include pseudonymization, aggregation of evaluations, access controls, and other safeguards designed to reduce the risk of re-identification.

Recipients and transfer of personal information

For the purposes described above, Siemens Healthineers may disclose personal information to the recipients listed below, but only where and to the extent this is necessary.

- **Internal recipients:** Employees of Siemens Healthineers and companies within the Siemens Healthineers that require the data to perform internal tasks or to comply with Siemens Healthineers' contractual or legal obligations
- **External recipients:** To the extent necessary for the purposes described above, Siemens Healthineers may disclose personal information to external recipients who, depending on the processing, act as processor, independent controllers, or recipients by reason of a legal obligation. These may in particular include the following categories:
 - Healthcare providers and commissioned service providers supporting Siemens Healthineers' AI R&D activities, as well as consortium partners and research organizations collaborating with Siemens Healthineers
 - Notified Bodies, for example, where certification is required
 - Supervisory authorities, enforcement authorities, courts, or ethics committees, where disclosure is required by law
 - Business partners or (IT) service providers processing personal information on behalf of Siemens Healthineers, for example in connection hosting, IT maintenance, and support services

Third parties involved in fulfilling legal obligations, corporate transactions, or the establishment, exercise, or defense of rights and claims, including courts, arbitral tribunals, law enforcement authorities, supervisory authorities, lawyers, and advisors

When will my information be deleted?

Siemens Healthineers stores personal information only for as long as necessary to fulfill the relevant processing purpose. The specific retention period depends in particular on the type of data, the relevant research, development, quality, or regulatory purpose, and applicable statutory retention and documentation obligations. Where personal information is no longer needed, it will be deleted or anonymized accordingly, unless a legal obligation or legitimate need for continued retention exists.

Data Transfer

Siemens Healthineers operates globally. For the purposes described in this Privacy Notice, personal information may be transferred within the Siemens Healthineers group and to external recipients in third countries outside South Africa. These recipients are located in particular in the United States, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the People's Republic of China and India; a complete and up-to-date list of the third countries concerned is available on request at dataprivacy.func@siemens-healthineers.com. As a result, personal information may be processed or stored outside the country in which it was originally collected.

Where personal information is transferred to a country outside South Africa, Siemens Healthineers will ensure that the transfer complies with the requirements of section 72 of POPIA. Before such a transfer, Siemens Healthineers carries out a transfer impact assessment and, where necessary, supplements the Standard Contractual Clauses with additional technical and organizational measures such as pseudonymization, encryption and access restrictions. Please note that in certain third countries, in particular the People's Republic of China and India, public authorities may access personal information under applicable local law, and that the level of data protection, oversight and available legal remedies may differ from that within South Africa.

Where possible, Siemens Healthineers transfers anonymized or pseudonymized data. You may request a copy of the appropriate safeguards used, including the Standard Contractual Clauses from the Siemens Healthineers Data Privacy Organization at dataprivacy.func@siemens-healthineers.com.

Your Rights

Under the POPIA, you have certain rights in relation to your personal information. Subject to the applicable legal requirements (under the POPIA or other applicable laws), you may:

- request confirmation as to whether Siemens Healthineers processes your personal information and, if so, obtain access to that information and related information
- request the correction of inaccurate personal information
- request the deletion of your personal information
- request the restriction of the processing of your personal information
- request a copy of the personal information you have provided to Siemens Healthineers or ask that it be transferred to another recipient
- object to the processing of your personal information on grounds relating to your situation, where the processing is based on legitimate interests

If you have provided consent for the processing of your personal information, you may withdraw that consent at any time with effect for the future. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before the withdrawal.

Where Siemens Healthineers relies on legitimate interests as the legal basis for processing, those interests have been balanced against your rights and freedoms. You may request further information regarding this balancing of interests from the Siemens Healthineers Data Privacy organization.

As Siemens Healthineers generally cannot identify data subjects of the pseudonymized data received, the exercise of certain rights may be limited in individual cases to the extent Siemens Healthineers is unable to identify the data subject. Where a data subject provides additional information enabling identification, Siemens Healthineers will assess the request in accordance with applicable South African data protection laws. Where necessary, Siemens Healthineers may also refer the data subject to the party that supplied the personal information.

In addition, certain rights may be restricted where personal information is processed for scientific research purposes, to the extent permitted under applicable South African law, including POPIA, in particular where the exercise of those rights would render the achievement of the research purposes impossible or seriously impair it and such restrictions are necessary for those purposes. Depending on the applicable law and the specific circumstances, this may in particular affect the rights of access, rectification, restriction of processing, objection, and erasure. Where required, Siemens Healthineers will coordinate incoming requests with the relevant data-supplying responsible party.

Data Protection Officer, Siemens Healthineers Data Privacy Organization, Contact

The Siemens Healthineers Data Protection Officer and the Siemens Healthineers data privacy organization provide support with any data privacy related questions, comments, concerns, or complaints or in case you wish to exercise any of your data privacy related rights. They can be contacted at dataprivacy.func@siemens-healthineers.com.

The Siemens Healthineers Data Protection Officer and the Siemens Healthineers data privacy organization will make every effort to address and resolve any inquiries or complaints brought to their attention. In addition, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the information Regulator of South Africa, where you believe that your personal information has been processed in contravention of applicable data protection laws. The contact details of the Information Regulator are available [here](#).

The contact details of the South African national regulatory authority is available [here](#).

Changes to our Privacy Notices

We review this Privacy Notice regularly to ensure that it remains accurate and up to date. We may update it from time to time. We will inform you of material changes by appropriate means before the change takes effect. The date of the last revision is indicated at the beginning of this Privacy Notice. We recommend that you check this Privacy Notice regularly for any changes.