

AEA Forum Privacy Policy

This document describes how the Australasian Epidemiological Society (AEA) Forum collects, uses, and manages information for the Forum.

The Forum is hosted by AEA on the AEA website and operates under the wider AEA Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. This document provides additional information specific to the Forum.

Neither AEA nor the Forum buy, sell or otherwise receive data about Forum members or visitors to or from data brokers either independently or in combination with information you provide to the Forum.

The Forum collects data:

- when a Forum account is created or used
- when members or visitor browse the Forum
- when members post, send private messages, and otherwise participate in the Forum

Forum visits: When you visit the Forum, whether you have an account or not, cookies, server logs, and other methods may be used to collect data about what pages are visited and when. Information is collected whether Forums is accessed using a web browser on a personal computer or mobile devices.

Data about visits to the Forum is collected to:

- optimize the Forum
- diagnose and debug technical errors
- protect the Forum from abuse and technical attacks
- compile statistics on Forum and topic popularity.

Forum accounts: Your Forum account is based on your AEA membership details. You can see and modify your account data at any time by visiting your Forum profile settings. You may choose to include other personal information in your Forum profile. This information is stored as long as your account remains open.

Your e-mail address may be used to:

- notify you about posts and other activity on the forum (if feature is enabled)
- reset your password and help keep your account secure
- contact you in special circumstances related to your account.

Forum posts: Information is collected about members' posts and other activity on the Forum. This information is stored as long as your account remains open. This includes private messaging through the Forum (if used).

This information is collected to protect:

- Forum members from abuse or inappropriate behaviour
- The Forum from inappropriate use such as spam or advertising.

Aggregate statistics about Forum visits and use is retained for the duration that the Forum is operational. Forum administrators and some moderators have access to collected account and activity information in the course of managing the Forum. Posts may be reviewed manually by moderators or administrators or reviewed automatically using software or applications. If you think a post has been wrongly blocked or removed, contact the moderator who can review the decision. Posts and activity may also be used to set trust levels (optional Forum feature currently not activated).

This AEA Forum Privacy Policy v1.0 took effect September 2019 and is subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of Forum members to ensure they are aware of the latest version.