**Who we are**

Our website address is: https://acms.org.

**What personal data we collect and why we collect it**

When visitors leave comments on the site we collect the data shown in the comments form, and also the visitor’s IP address and browser user agent string to help spam detection.

An anonymized string created from your email address (also called a hash) may be provided to the Gravatar service to see if you are using it. The Gravatar service privacy policy is available here: https://automattic.com/privacy/. After approval of your comment, your profile picture is visible to the public in the context of your comment.

**Media**

If you upload images to the website, you should avoid uploading images with embedded location data (EXIF GPS) included. Visitors to the website can download and extract any location data from images on the website.

**Contact forms/Cookies**

If you leave a comment on our site you may opt-in to saving your name, email address and website in cookies. These are for your convenience so that you do not have to fill in your details again when you leave another comment. These cookies will last for one year.

If you visit our login page, we will set a temporary cookie to determine if your browser accepts cookies. This cookie contains no personal data and is discarded when you close your browser.

When you log in, we will also set up several cookies to save your login information and your screen display choices. Login cookies last for two days, and screen options cookies last for a year. If you select “Remember Me”, your login will persist for two weeks. If you log out of your account, the login cookies will be removed.

If you edit or publish an article, an additional cookie will be saved in your browser. This cookie includes no personal data and simply indicates the post ID of the article you just edited. It expires after 1 day.

**Embedded content from other websites**

Articles on this site may include embedded content (e.g. videos, images, articles, etc.). Embedded content from other websites behaves in the exact same way as if the visitor has visited the other website.

These websites may collect data about you, use cookies, embed additional third-party tracking, and monitor your interaction with that embedded content, including tracking your interaction with the embedded content if you have an account and are logged in to that website.

**Analytics**

**Who we share your data with**

**How long we retain your data**

If you leave a comment, the comment and its metadata are retained indefinitely. This is so we can recognize and approve any follow-up comments automatically instead of holding them in a moderation queue.

For users that register on our website (if any), we also store the personal information they provide in their user profile. All users can see, edit, or delete their personal information at any time (except they cannot change their username). Website administrators can also see and edit that information.

**What rights you have over your data**

If you have an account on this site, or have left comments, you can request to receive an exported file of the personal data we hold about you, including any data you have provided to us. You can also request that we erase any personal data we hold about you. This does not include any data we are obliged to keep for administrative, legal, or security purposes.

**Where we send your data**

Visitor comments may be checked through an automated spam detection service.

**Your contact information**

Allegheny County Medical Society

850 Ridge Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Contact email: acms@acms.org

**SMS Privacy Policy**

**Information Practices**

Allegheny County Medical Society (“ACMS” or “we”) understands that privacy and data security are important issues to our program users. We recognize our obligation to keep your information secure and confidential. The scope of this privacy policy (the “SMS Privacy Policy”) applies to the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program. This SMS Privacy Policy is separate from and in addition to ACMS’s website Privacy Policy. We may modify this SMS Privacy Policy at any time, and, accordingly, we urge you to frequently review it and check for updates. By subscribing to/opting-in to the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging t Program, you are providing us with personally identifiable information, and you consent to our use of such information as described in this Policy.

**What Information Do We Collect?**

We will collect your mobile phone number and other personally identifiable information that you voluntarily provide to us (“Personal Information”) in order to participate in ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program. You may refuse to provide your Personal Information, and this may lead to your inability to participate in the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program.

**Mobile** devices may collect different information than what is collected by computers used to access our website. When connecting to our website using a mobile device that provides Internet access, if the mobile device service provider uniquely identifies the device, ACMS will receive this information. ACMS may use this unique mobile device identification information to offer extended services and/or functionality. Certain ACMS services may require collection of the telephone number for your device. ACMS may associate that telephone number with the mobile device identification information.

Some mobile phone service providers in the United States are required to operate a system that will pinpoint the physical location of devices that use their service. Depending on the provider, ACMS may automatically receive such location information. ACMS (or its service providers) may use and store this information to provide enhanced location-based services. However, it is not ACMS’s practice to send unsolicited messages to your mobile phone.

**How is Your Information Used and Shared?**

Personal Information is collected in order to participate in the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program pursuant to the specific Terms and Conditions for the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program. ACMS may use your Personal Information for the following purposes: to administer and improve the program and/or related services including SMS services; to provide Internet and/or mobile security; and to meet legal requirements. ACMS, its affiliates and service providers may have access to your Personal Information and any information you enter through the text messaging service. ACMS may work with affiliated organizations to perform certain functions on our behalf, such as managing data or processing information. These third parties will have access to your Personal Information only to the extent necessary to perform these specific functions and may not use it for any other purpose. We may also share your Personal Information with your cell phone service provider or their partners and/or subcontractors.

**Privacy of Children**

ACMS does not knowingly collect Personal Information from children under the age of 13. Authorized users must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Program.

**Cookies**

If you visit our website, ACMS or a third-party may store or recognize some information on your computer in the form of a “cookie” or similar file that can help us make the site and/or services more functional. Cookies allow websites to “remember” a user’s activities and visits to a site. With most Internet browsers or other software, you can erase cookies from your computer hard drive, block all cookies, or receive a warning before a cookie is stored. Please refer to your browser instructions to learn more about these functions. If you reject cookies, functionality of the site may be limited, and you may not be able to take advantage of the site’s features. Some telephones may also store cookies. Check your phone’s make and model and/or contact your carrier to determine how to change browser settings.

**Links**

Mobile alerts may contain links to other sites on the Internet that are owned and operated by third parties. ACMS is not responsible for the collection or use of your information at any third party sites.

**Security**

We have reasonable administrative, physical and technical measures, policies and procedures in place to protect the privacy, security and confidentiality of your Personal Information that we collect and maintain. All Personal Information is stored on our secure servers, or that of our service providers, behind a firewall at a data center with strictly controlled access.

**How Do You Contact ACMS or Update Personal Information?**

If you have any questions or comments about this SMS Privacy Policy, or would like to update, deactivate or delete any Personal Information, please contact us:

Allegheny County Medical Society, Inc.

850 Ridge Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Telephone: 412-321-5030

E-mail: acms@acms.org

We will retain your Personal Information for as long as your account is active or as needed to provide you with the services that you requested. We will retain and use your information as necessary to comply with our legal obligations, resolve disputes, and enforce our agreements.

 **SMS Terms & Conditions**

Participants who opt-in by text messaging will be automatically subscribed to receive periodic text message updates from the ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Alert Program (up to 20 messages per month).

By submitting your information as set forth herein, you give us your express consent to use automated technology to call and/or text you on your mobile device at the wireless number you provided, for policy advocacy and action alerts. You are not required to provide this consent to make a purchase from us.

Participants may unsubscribe/opt-out from the program at any time by sending the word STOP to (412) 321-5030. Participants in need of assistance must send the keyword HELP (412) 321-5030.

The ACMS SMS (Text) Messaging Alert Program text messaging service is provided, as is, without charge, outside of the standard text messaging and data rates for text messages sent and received from a participant’s mobile device according to the terms and conditions in his or her wireless calling plan (Message and Data Rates May Apply). This text messaging service may be subject to fees and charges imposed by a participant’s wireless service provider under his or her mobile plan. Text messaging and wireless service are not available in all areas. Not all mobile devices may be supported. ACMS is not liable for any delays or delivery failure by network operators. Only U.S. telephone numbers are supported.

For any questions or concerns call, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, at 412-321-5030 or email acms@acms.org.

Text messaging alerts are subject to Allegheny County Medical Society’s SMS (Text) Messaging Privacy Policy.

This SMS (Text) Messaging Alert Program Terms & Conditions agreement is separate from and in addition to Allegheny County Medical Society’s website Terms and Conditions of Use. Use of SMS service under this Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.