

Privacy Statement

The **SYDNEY HERNIA SPECIALISTS (SHS)** is committed to protecting your privacy and developing technology that gives you the most powerful and safe online experience. This Statement of Privacy applies to the Stoma Hernia Web Site and governs data collection and usage. By using the Stoma Hernia Web Site, you consent to the data practices described in this statement.

Collection of your Personal Information

SHS collects personally identifiable information, such as your e-mail address, name, home or work address or telephone number. SHS also collects anonymous demographic information, which is not unique to you, such as your ZIP code, age, gender, preferences, interests and favorites.

There is also information about your computer hardware and software that is automatically collected by SHS. This information can include: your IP address, browser type, domain names, access times and referring Web site addresses. This information is used by SHS for the operation of the service, to maintain quality of the service, and to provide general statistics regarding use of the Stoma Hernia Web Site.

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data through SHS public message boards, this information may be collected and used by others. Note: SHS does not read any of your private online communications.

SHS encourages you to review the privacy statements of Web sites you choose to link to from SHS so that you can understand how those Web sites collect, use and share your information. SHS is not responsible for the privacy statements or other content on Web sites outside of the SHS and SHS family of Web sites.

Use of your Personal Information

SHS collects and uses your personal information to operate the Stoma Hernia Web Site and deliver the services you have requested. SHS also uses your personally identifiable information to inform you of other products or services available from SHS and its affiliates. SHS may also contact you via surveys to conduct research about your opinion of current services or of potential new services that may be offered.

SHS does not sell, rent or lease its customer lists to third parties. SHS may, from time to time, contact you on behalf of external business partners about a particular offering that may be of interest to you. In those cases, your unique personally identifiable information (e-mail, name, address, telephone number) is not transferred to the third party. In addition, SHS may share data with trusted partners to help us perform statistical analysis, send you email or postal mail, provide customer support, or arrange for deliveries. All such third parties are prohibited from using your personal information except to provide these services to SHS, and they are required to maintain the confidentiality of your information.

SHS does not use or disclose sensitive personal information, such as race, religion, or political affiliations, without your explicit consent.

SHS keeps track of the Web sites and pages our customers visit within IPHoA, in order to determine what SHS services are the most popular. This data is used to deliver customized content and advertising within SHS to customers whose behaviour indicates that they are interested in a particular subject area.

Stoma Hernia Web Site will disclose your personal information, without notice, only if required to do so

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by law or in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to: (a) conform to the edicts of the law or comply with legal process served on SHS or the site; (b) protect and defend the rights or property of SHS; and, (c) act under exigent circumstances to protect the personal safety of users of SHS, or the public.

Use of Cookies

The Stoma Hernia Web Site uses "cookies" to help you personalize your online experience. A cookie is a text file that is placed on your hard disk by a Web page server. Cookies cannot be used to run programs or deliver viruses to your computer. Cookies are uniquely assigned to you, and can only be read by a web server in the domain that issued the cookie to you.

One of the primary purposes of cookies is to provide a convenience feature to save you time. The purpose of a cookie is to tell the Web server that you have returned to a specific page. For example, if you personalize SHS pages, or register with SHS site or services, a cookie helps SHS to recall your specific information on subsequent visits. This simplifies the process of recording your personal information, such as billing addresses, shipping addresses, and so on. When you return to the same Stoma Hernia Web Site, the information you previously provided can be retrieved, so you can easily use the SHS features that you customized.

You have the ability to accept or decline cookies. Most Web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually modify your browser setting to decline cookies if you prefer. If you choose to decline cookies, you may not be able to fully experience the interactive features of the SHS services or Web sites you visit.

Security of your Personal Information

SHS secures your personal information from unauthorized access, use or disclosure. SHS secures the personally identifiable information you provide on computer servers in a controlled, secure environment, protected from unauthorized access, use or disclosure. When personal information (such as a credit card number) is transmitted to other Web sites, it is protected through the use of encryption, such as the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol.

Changes to this Statement

SHS will occasionally update this Statement of Privacy to reflect company and customer feedback. SHS encourages you to periodically review this Statement to be informed of how SHS is protecting your information.

Contact Information

SHS welcomes your comments regarding this Statement of Privacy. If you believe that SHS has not adhered to this Statement, please contact SHS. We will use commercially reasonable efforts to promptly determine and remedy the problem.