

## Data protection information for the German Rheumatology Congress 2025

Dear visitors,

The protection of your personal data and your trust are important to us. The following statement gives you an overview of how we guarantee this protection and what type of data we collect and for what purpose.

### Controller

The joint controllers for the processing of personal data that is collected when you visit this website and processed in connection with your participation in the congress are

Rheumatologische Fortbildungsakademie GmbH, Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 6, Aufgang C, 10179 Berlin ('Rheumaakademie' or 'we'). You can reach us at 030 - 24 04 84 - 80 or by e-mail at [info@dgrh-kongress.de](mailto:info@dgrh-kongress.de) and [info@rheumaakademie.de](mailto:info@rheumaakademie.de).

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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie und Klinische Immunologie e. V., Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 6, Aufgang C, 10179 Berlin ('DGRh' or 'we'). You can reach us on 030 - 24 04 84 - 70 or at [info@dgrh.de](mailto:info@dgrh.de).

We have concluded a joint responsibility agreement. You can enquire about the main contents of the agreement using the contact details provided.

The Rheumaakademie is your preferred point of contact for information.

### Usage data

When you visit our website, we temporarily store so-called usage data on the basis of Article 6(1)(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation. We use the usage data for statistical purposes, to improve the quality of our websites and for security purposes (defence against server attacks). We also use this information to make it possible to access our website, to control and administer our systems and to improve the design of the website. These purposes pursued by us also constitute the legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation.

The data set consists of:

- the page from which the file was requested
- the name of the file
- the date and time of the request
- the amount of data transferred
- the access status (file transferred, file not found)
- the description of the type of web browser used
- the IP address of the requesting computer shortened by the last two digits

### Authorisations & push notifications

In our online congress and in our congress app, you can voluntarily grant access authorisation to your calendar so that you can save favourites from the event in your calendar. Our congress app also uses push services from the operating system manufacturers. These are short messages that are shown on the display of your mobile device with your consent and with which you can receive up-to-date information about the congress, such as 'Congress opening: We look forward to your participation. Hall 1, 06:00 - 08:00 pm'. When

using the push services, the device token from Apple or the registration ID from Google are exchanged. The purpose of their use is to provide the push services.

You can activate this authorisation and notifications by push message in the settings and deactivate them at any time by using the slider. The legal basis for this data processing is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR.

### **Congress registration and congress information**

You can register for participation in the German Rheumatology Congress 2025 in the m-anage congress portal and exclusively for individual bookings in the congress app and in the online congress and manage your bookings here. The conference service provider of m-anage, the congress app and the online congress, JMarquardt Technologies GmbH, will send us the data stored in your m-anage user account to manage your registration and participation in our congress. If you have stored more data in your m-anage account than we require, we will still have access to this data.

In order to guarantee your registration and the organisation of the event, we require the following information from you: Tariff selection, first and last name, e-mail address, full address (company, street, postcode, city, country), address group (business or private), members of the professional circles within the meaning of HWG, §§2, 10, discount codes if applicable (optional) and proof of verification of the selected tariff (mandatory for discounted tariffs).

When you purchase a ticket, we store the invoice number, the date and time of completion of the order and the payment method (credit card, invoice). We are supported by our Paygate provider Computop Paygate GmbH, which stores your account data for us as part of order processing. For each registration for which the participation fee is invoiced, we require the following information from you for invoicing and, if applicable, for sending the invoice by post: Salutation (gender), title, first and last name, company, address. We also need this data in order to issue you with a certificate of attendance in accordance with the requirements of your respective state medical association so that you can receive your continuing education points.

We also use the country in which you live and the city for statistical purposes in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR, based on our interest in participant statistics for our congress.

If you do not require an invoice or certificate of attendance, you do not need to complete the fields Title, Gender and EFN.

Depending on which tariff you select, we will require either your association membership number, your student ID, proof of employment in a medical assistant profession, proof that you are currently working on your doctorate or a copy of your press card for verification purposes.

If you have at least five participants, you can also set up a group account and register a group. If you would like a billing address, we will collect the following data from you: First and last name, company, address, city, country (mandatory information). You can voluntarily specify your department to concretise the billing address.

When a group registers, the group organisers upload the list with the participants' data themselves. This data is then imported into our system and we manage your participant data as described above.

The purpose of this data processing is to process your registration, organise your participation and process payments for the congress. The legal basis for this processing is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b GDPR.

The legal basis for the transfer of your data to the medical association responsible for you is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. e GDPR in conjunction with the respective Medical Professions Chamber Act of the federal states.

We use your e-mail address to send you the latest congress information. After termination of the contractual relationship, we will use your e-mail address to inform you about further events. You can object to this use at any time. The legal basis for data processing is our legitimate interest in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR in conjunction with Section 7 para. 2 no. 3 UWG to provide existing customers with advertising.

If you no longer wish to receive information about our congress by email, you can object to this at any time in accordance with Art. 21 (1) and (3) GDPR. Please send your objection by e-mail to: [info@dgrh-kongress.de](mailto:info@dgrh-kongress.de). You will then no longer receive information about future congresses.

We will use your telephone contact details in the event of a callback request from you and for questions that cannot be answered in writing.

### **Managing your congress user account**

You can manage the events you have booked in your user account. Your programme items and your most recently viewed events are saved there. Your certificates for participation in the respective events are also saved. You can access and download these there.

The following documents are available to you digitally:

- Booked congress tickets with invoices,
- Your booking confirmation,
- When booking 'Congress participation presence including online': Your pick-up slip with the personal QR code for picking up the congress documents at the congress venue
- A certificate of participation / CME certificate and a confirmation of participation (only available electronically after the end of the congress).
- The purpose of data processing is to organise and manage your account for the purpose of your participation in the congress. The legal basis for data processing is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b GDPR (performance of a contract).

### **Abstract submission, selection procedure and publication**

With your m-anage account you have the possibility to submit an abstract contribution. For the submission and subsequent selection of abstracts, we require the abstract as a file and the following information from you and the other authors of the abstract: Title, first name, surname, e-mail address, company, city and country of the company. The recipient of the data is the Rheumaakademie. Accepted abstracts will be published at the congress, on the congress website and the congress app in an abstract volume and in the web portal German Medical Science of GMS gGmbH as a further recipient of your data. In addition, the accepted abstracts will be handed over to our sponsors to make them available to congress participants on a USB stick. After the selection process has been completed and the selected abstracts have been published at the congress, the abstract volume will be deleted after the end of the subsequent congress (after approx. 12 months). The legal basis for this data processing can be found in Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b GDPR (fulfilment of contract).

### **Data processing in the context of the congress**

As part of online congress participation, we process the duration of your participation in an online session. This 'tracking' is linked to your e-mail address.

At the event venue, your attendance time will be recorded by scanning your name badge at the designated stations when you enter and leave the building.

This data is used as proof of your attendance at the congress and to report your training points to the Hesse Medical Association. The legal basis for this tracking and the forwarding of your data to the medical association responsible for you is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. e GDPR in conjunction with the respective Medical Professions Chamber Act of the federal states.

### **Data transfer to sponsors**

If you agree, you can voluntarily have your badge (QR code) scanned by our sponsors. You can also visit the symposium / lecture / exhibitor without having your badge scanned. If you have your badge scanned, the sponsor will receive your name and e-mail address from us for the purpose of contacting you for feedback, advertising and information purposes. The legal basis for the transfer of data to the sponsors is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR. Your consent is voluntary and can be revoked at any time with effect for the future.

### **Video recording and publication for chairpersons and speakers**

In addition to the live and online congress offer, an on-demand library for the German Rheumatology Congress 2025 will be created in the congress portal m-anage of the company JMarquardt eLearning GmbH, which will be accessible to participants to a limited extent. The recording of your presentation (either on site or as a webcast) including the live discussion will be published in this media library. The webcast / on-site presentation will contain the audio stream (audio track), the PowerPoint presentation and the moving image / photo / video of the speaker and will therefore be a complete representation of the presentation given at the congress. In the case of photo and video recordings, your appearance may indicate your ethnic origin, religion or health (skin colour, facial features, headgear, wearing glasses). Only congress participants have access to the content of the media centre. The legal basis for video recording and publication in the on-demand library is our legitimate interest (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR) in documenting our events and making the speeches available on-demand to interested parties even after the congress. You can object to this processing at any time. Please send your objection to [info@dgrh-kongress.de](mailto:info@dgrh-kongress.de). We will remove the recording from the congress portal m-anage of the company JMarquardt eLearning GmbH at the end of 31 March 2026.

### **Hotel reservation, childcare, participation in the supporting programme**

As a speaker or chairperson, we ask you to provide information in a reply letter about your accommodation (own accommodation or hotel reservation), childcare (age, number of children and days of childcare) and whether you would like to attend the congress evening. This information is used to organise your stay at the congress. In addition, we process your name, your business e-mail address and your business postal address for the purpose of allocation and to contact you (in the event that there are new contact details that we do not yet have). The legal basis for data processing is Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR (performance of a contract). As a rule, we delete your data no later than 60 months after termination of the contractual relationship, unless statutory retention periods prevent deletion.

### **Company / sponsor / exhibitor profile**

In your profile, the contact details of the contact person provided by you and the details of the company are published for the purpose of presenting your institution. The legal basis for data processing is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b GDPR.

### **Digital congress bag**

We will provide participants with a digital congress bag containing congress-related information. This contains congress information (programme) and sponsor advertising. As part of the digital congress bag, we forward your master data (name, e-mail address) to our service provider JMarquardt Technologies GmbH, which is bound by our instructions and

supports us in the implementation of the digital congress bag. You will receive access after logging in to the m-anage congress portal, the online congress or the congress app. The legal basis for data processing is Article 6(1)(b) GDPR.

### **Surveys**

You can voluntarily take part in anonymous surveys during the congress.

### **Student programme application**

You have the option of sending us your application documents for the student programme by email. Your application documents will be received by the responsible department and only forwarded to the department responsible for the respective position or to the persons entrusted with the processing. We use your application data to carry out the application process. We will delete your application documents no later than six months after completion of the application process unless you have given us permission to do otherwise. The legal basis for data processing is Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b GDPR. If you have given us your consent to keep your application for a longer period, we will process the application documents on the basis of your consent. In this case, we will delete your application if you withdraw your consent, but after three years at the latest.

### **Session-based evaluation**

As soon as you watch a live session, a button will appear next to the player in the online congress, which you can use to submit an evaluation of the session. You will also find an overview of the sessions you have attended under 'My Congress' in the 'Evaluation and Certification' section, which you can also evaluate in this way. For on-demand content, the evaluation button is located directly above the detailed information on the respective session. If you submit your evaluation, this evaluation will be assigned to your user profile on the m-anage congress portal. Our service provider JMarquardt Technologies GmbH only transmits the anonymised evaluation to us, so that we cannot trace which evaluation you have submitted personally. The evaluation and the associated provision of data is voluntary for you.

The legal basis for data processing is our legitimate interest (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR) in evaluating and optimising our offering as part of the congress. Your personal evaluation in the m-anage congress portal will be deleted after the evaluation statistics have been sent to us by the service provider.

### **Encryption**

We use a modern encryption process to protect your data from unauthorised access. This prevents unauthorised persons from accessing the data.

Your data is then transmitted from your computer to the server and vice versa via the Internet using 256-bit TLS encryption (Transport Layer Security Version 1.2). You can recognise this by the fact that the lock symbol in the status bar of your browser is closed and the address line begins with https://.

### **General contact**

You have the option of contacting us by e-mail or telephone. Your data will only be processed to answer your enquiry. Your data will only be passed on to third parties if this is necessary to process your enquiry. The legal basis for the use of your data collected in this process is Article 6(1)(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation. We have a legitimate interest in being in contact with users of the website and answering any questions asked or sending information. Your data will be deleted after your request has been answered

### **Use of service providers**

The Rheumaakademie uses service providers to provide services and to process your data before, during and after the congress (so-called order processing). The service providers

process the data exclusively on the instructions of the Rheumaakademie and are obliged to comply with the applicable data protection regulations. All processors have been carefully selected and are only given access to your data to the extent and for the period of time required to provide the services.

### **Duration of data storage**

We only store your data for as long as it is required for the provision of our services and there are no retention periods preventing its deletion. We will delete your data that we process as part of a registration for events if it is no longer required for the provision of our services and there are no retention periods preventing its deletion. We store your data for the preparation, follow-up and organisation of the congress. As a rule, we delete your data no later than 60 months after termination of the contractual relationship, unless statutory retention periods prevent deletion. The retention period for congress participant lists is 5 years on the basis of the continuing education obligation for doctors. After this period, your data will be deleted. We have access to the data stored in your m-anage account for the duration of the contractually agreed cooperation between Rheumatologische Fortbildungsakademie GmbH and JMarquardt Technologies GmbH, which provides the portal. After termination of the contractual relationship, we will use your e-mail address to inform you about further events. You can object to this use at any time.

### **Your rights as a user**

As a user, you have the right to request information about what data we have stored about you and the purpose of this storage. In addition, you can have incorrect data corrected or data deleted if its storage is unauthorised or no longer necessary. You have the right to data portability and to demand the restriction of the processing of your data. You also have the right to complain to a supervisory authority about the data processing taking place. If you have given us your consent, you have the right to withdraw it at any time.

### **Right to object**

In cases where we process your personal data on the legal basis of Art. 6 para. 1 lit. e or f GDPR, you have the right to object at any time for reasons arising from your particular situation. We will then no longer process the personal data unless there are demonstrably compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject, or the processing serves the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. If possible, please address your objection to: [info@dgrh-kongress.de](mailto:info@dgrh-kongress.de)

### **Data protection officer**

Our company data protection officer will be happy to provide you with information or suggestions on the subject of data protection:

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