



MANCOSA HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (M-HREC)

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (POPI) COMPLIANCE

The MANCOSA Human Research Ethics Committee (M-HREC) is committed to upholding the highest standards of research ethics and ensuring compliance with relevant data protection laws, including the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA).

As part of our dedication to safeguarding the privacy and confidentiality of individuals' personal information, we adhere to the following principles:

1. **Lawfulness, Fairness, and Transparency:** We process personal information lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner, ensuring participants are informed about the utilisation of their data.
2. **Purpose Limitation:** Personal information is collected for specified, explicit, and legitimate purposes and is not further processed in a manner incompatible with those purposes.
3. **Data Minimisation:** We only collect and process personal information that is adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed.
4. **Accuracy:** We take reasonable steps to ensure that personal information is accurate, complete, and up to date.
5. **Storage Limitation:** Personal information is kept in a form, which permits identification of individuals for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal information is processed.
6. **Integrity and Confidentiality:** We implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure the security, integrity, and confidentiality of personal information.
7. **Accountability:** We are committed to demonstrating compliance with POPIA and other applicable data protection laws and regulations. Our data protection practices are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure continuous compliance.

When accessing the M-HREC website the following information may be processed:

- **Personal Information:** This may include your name, email address, IP address, and any other information voluntarily provided by you through forms or correspondence.
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In using the M-HREC website, you consent to the collection and use of your personal information, as outlined in our Privacy Policy and in accordance with POPIA.

The M-HREC Committee assures that it will comply with the provisions of POPI and the MANCOSA Privacy Policy.

Should you have any inquiries regarding our data protection practices or to exercise your rights under POPIA please contact the MANCOSA Research Directorate:

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