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## ORNET Privacy Policy

ORNET, in the course of conducting Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities, collects and uses email addresses and personal, professional, and financial information from licensed physicians. This Privacy Policy outlines ORNET's practices regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of such information, ensuring that it is handled with the utmost care and confidentiality.

### Information Collection and Use

ORNET gathers personal, professional, and sometimes financial information from physicians participating in CME activities. This information is essential for verifying identity, assessing qualifications, and facilitating communication.

ORNET also collects and uses data related to other initiatives, including physician, patient, and insurance data. Participation in these activities is voluntary, and the handling of such data is governed by specific agreements.

### Voluntary Release of Information

In certain cases, physicians may wish to authorize ORNET to disclose protected information to third parties. ORNET has created a General Release and Waiver form for this purpose. To authorize the release of any protected information, physicians must sign and return this form to ORNET.

### Candidate and Diplomate Information

To identify and verify the qualifications of applicants, ORNET requires personal, educational, and professional background information. This data, including AADHAR numbers, is used to determine eligibility and communicate with applicants. It is cross verified with data from State Medical Councils.

Despite this Privacy Policy, ORNET considers the status and progress of CME components, including CME status and license history, to be public information. ORNET reserves the right to publish and share this public information through various channels, including its website and with state medical licensure boards.

However, ORNET generally treats other personal information as private and confidential, disclosing it only when necessary to fulfil its responsibilities towards state medical boards.

### Aggregate Data Disclosure

ORNET regards individual CME scores and participation results as private and confidential. However, it may disclose aggregate examination results for groups from the same training program or review courses without identifying individual participants. ORNET reserves the right to share aggregate CME results with State Medical Councils to maintain continuing medical education records.

### Research and Publication

ORNET may use personal and identifying information, including email addresses, for research purposes and in connection with its official research journal publication. ORNET will not share this information with third parties unless required by a court order or other legal authority and will notify the affected physician prior to compliance.

### Misconduct and Compliance

ORNET reserves the right to disclose information about individuals who violate ORNET rules, engage in misrepresentation, unprofessional behavior, or show signs of impairment. Personal and financial information collected during registration and certification activities is restricted to ORNET employees and contractors who need it to perform their duties.

### Patient Information and Privacy Rules

As part of the CME certification process, ORNET may require the submission of DE-identified patient information to protect patient privacy. Applicants are responsible for DE-identifying patient information before submission. While ORNET will assist with DE-identification, it is not liable for any privacy violations. For questions or more information regarding DE-identification, please contact ORNET.

### Conclusion

ORNET is committed to protecting the privacy of the information it collects and uses. This Privacy Policy ensures transparency and trust in how ORNET handles sensitive information. For any concerns or questions, please reach out to ORNET directly.