



Vaccine Research Trust *research to save lives*

Privacy Notice for Clinic Records from Dr Gordon Skinner's clinic

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Introduction

Dr Gordon Skinner was the founder of the Vaccine Research Trust and operated a private thyroid clinic at 22 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham, from 1996 until his sudden death in November 2013. The information in this privacy notice relates to the clinic records from Dr Skinner's clinic and explains your rights with respect to this.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us by e-mail at:

info@vaccineresearchtrust.com.

What data do we have?

We hold clinic records of patients who were treated in Dr Skinner's clinic from 1996 to 2013. This comprises personal data including name, gender, date of birth, and address, as well as clinical data relating to the treatment they received.

Why do we have this data?

This data was collected in order to provide a service to patients who attended Dr Skinner's thyroid clinic. Following Dr Skinner's death, the clinic ceased operations, and the clinic premises and patient records came under custody of the Vaccine Research Trust, of which Dr Skinner was founder and chairman. Patients and their General Practitioners were informed of Dr Skinner's death, and in addition, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and the Care Quality Commission were informed that the clinic records were now in the custody of the Trust under data protection governance.

Where do we process your data?

The data is held in accordance with good data protection practice and is stored in hard copy (as paper files) in the clinic premises as well as in electronic format on a secure

device. The data will not be shared with other organisations or individuals without the consent of the patient to whom the data relates. The data may however be shared without consent if the NHS Health Research Authority's Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) authorises that such sharing can take place in the public interest.

Researchers in Cardiff University propose to investigate the safety of the drug, T3, using a data linkage approach where the research is conducted without the researchers knowing the identities of the patients. The researchers have applied to the NHS Health Research Authority's Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) for approval to do undertake this research using data from several sources including Dr Skinner's clinic records. Details of the research and how to opt out of the research are available in the document: *T3 Safety Study, Opt Out information*.

How long will we retain the data?

The data will be retained for a period of 10 years after the study (if approval is granted). After this period, it will then be destroyed using secure and approved methods of data destruction.

Your rights

The data that we keep about you is your data and we ensure that we keep it confidential and that it is used appropriately. You have the right to opt out of your data being used in the T3 Safety Study or any future research studies. You may need to provide adequate information for us to be able to identify you, for example, a passport or driver's licence. This is to make sure that data is not shared with the wrong person inappropriately. We will always respond to your request as soon as possible. You can contact us via email at: info@vaccineresearchtrust.com