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Privacy Policy

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Privacy Policy

Pivot Podiatry values and respects the privacy of the people we deal with. Pivot Podiatry is committed to protecting your privacy and complying with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (**Privacy Act**) and other applicable privacy laws and regulations.

This Privacy Policy (**Policy**) describes how we collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information, and how we maintain the quality and security of your personal information.

What is personal information?

“Personal information” means any information or opinion, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable. In general terms, this includes information or an opinion that personally identifies you either directly (e.g. your name) or indirectly.

What personal information do we collect?

The personal information we collect about you depends on the nature of your dealings with us or what you choose to share with us.

The personal information we collect about you may include:

- name;
- mailing or street address;
- date of birth;
- email address;
- phone number
- medicare number
- medical information

Under certain circumstances, Pivot Podiatry may need to collect sensitive information about you. This might include any information or opinion about health information.

If we collect your sensitive information, we will do so only with your consent, if it is necessary to prevent a serious and imminent threat to life or health, or as otherwise required or authorised by law, and we take appropriate measures to protect the security of this information.

You do not have to provide us with your personal information. Where possible, we will give you the option to interact with us anonymously or by using a pseudonym. However, if you choose to deal with us in this way or choose not to provide us with your personal information, we may not be able to provide you with our services or otherwise interact with you.

How do we collect your personal information?

We collect your personal information directly from you when you:

- interact with us over the phone;
- interact with us in person;
- interact with us online;
- participate in surveys or questionnaires;
- attend a Pivot Podiatry appointment;
- subscribe to our mailing list;
- apply for a position with us as an employee, contractor or volunteer;

Collecting personal information from third parties

We may also collect your personal information from third parties or through publicly available sources, for example from your General Practitioner, Radiology companies or other Allied Health Professionals. We collect your personal information from these third parties so that we are able to provide accurate treatment with the information.

How do we use your personal information?

We use personal information for many purposes in connection with our functions and activities, including the following purposes:

- [provide you with information or services that you request from us;
- deliver to you diagnosis and treatment and ;
- improve the quality of the treatment we offer;
- internal administrative purposes;
- marketing and research purposes;
- reporting as per Medicare, Workers Compensation, NDIS requirements.
- Correspondence between Pivot Podiatry and other healthcare professionals.

Disclosure of personal information to third parties

We may disclose your personal information to third parties in accordance with this Policy in circumstances where you would reasonably expect us to disclose your information. For example, we may disclose your personal information to:

- our third party service providers (for example, our IT providers);
- our marketing providers;
- our professional services advisors;
- other healthcare professionals.

How do we protect your personal information?

Pivot Podiatry will take reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information that we hold about you is kept confidential and secure, including by:

- having a robust physical security of our premises and databases / records;
- taking measures to restrict access to only personnel who need that personal information to effectively provide services to you;
- having two-factor authentication for access to our patient records;
- having technological measures in place (for example, anti-virus software, fire walls).

Online activity

Cookies

The Pivot Podiatry website uses cookies. A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers the website puts on your device if you allow it. These cookies recognise when your device has visited our website(s) before, so we can distinguish you from other users of the website. This improves your experience and the Pivot Podiatry website(s).

We do not use cookies to identify you, just to improve your experience on our website(s). If you do not wish to use the cookies, you can amend the settings on your internet browser so it will not automatically download cookies. However, if you remove or block cookies on your computer, please be aware that your browsing experience and our website's functionality may be affected.

Website analytics

Our website uses google analytics to help us better understand visitor traffic, so we can improve our services. Although this data is mostly anonymous, it is possible that under certain circumstances, we may connect it to you.

Direct marketing

We may send you direct marketing communications and information about our services, opportunities, or events that we consider may be of interest to you if you have requested or consented to receive such communications. These communications may be sent in various forms, including mail, SMS, fax and email, in accordance with applicable marketing laws, such as the *Australian Spam Act 2003* (Cth). You consent to us sending you those direct marketing communications by any of those methods. If you indicate a preference for a method of communication, we will endeavour to use that method whenever practical to do so.

You may opt-out of receiving marketing communications from us at any time by following the instructions to "unsubscribe" set out in email communication or by contacting us using the details set out in the "How to contact us" section below.

Retention of personal information

We will not keep your personal information for longer than we need to. In most cases, this means that we will only retain your personal information for the duration of your relationship with us unless we are required to retain your personal information to comply with applicable laws, for example record-keeping obligations.

How to access and correct your personal information

Pivot Podiatry will endeavour to keep your personal information accurate, complete and up to date.

If you wish to make a request to access and / or correct the personal information we hold about you, you should make a request by contacting us and we will usually respond within 14 days. We will deal with such a request by following the procedure outlined below:

- Contacting our practice via phone (02 4089 1118) and requesting.

Links to third party sites

Pivot Podiatry website(s) may contain links to websites operated by third parties. If you access a third party website through our website(s), personal information may be collected by that third party website. We make no representations or warranties in relation to the privacy practices of any third party provider or website and we are not responsible for the privacy policies or the content of any third party provider or website. Third party providers / websites are responsible for informing you about their own privacy practices and we encourage you to read their privacy policies.

Inquiries and complaints

For complaints about how Pivot Podiatry handles, processes or manages your personal information, please contact Laura Howell. Note we may require proof of your identity and full details of your request before we can process your complaint.

Please allow up to 14 days for Pivot Podiatry to respond to your complaint. It will not always be possible to resolve a complaint to everyone's satisfaction. If you are not satisfied with Pivot Podiatry's response to a complaint, you have the right to contact the Office of Australian Information Commissioner (at www.oaic.gov.au/) to lodge a complaint.

How to contact us

If you have a question or concern in relation to our handling of your personal information or this Policy, you can contact us for assistance as follows:

Email

admin@pivotpodiatry.com.au

Contact number

(02) 4089 1118

Post

Attention: Practice Manager

Address: Suite 7, 2 Poynton Place, Thornton,
NSW, 2322