



BioGrid Australia Patient Opt-Out Information Form

Patients may be concerned about how their personal information would be used by agencies such as BioGrid Australia. We consider two types of information:

Type I - that which identifies the patient – for example by Medicare number, name / address

Type C - clinical data about the patient -for example weight, blood pressure, date of surgery

Clinical data is about your health, describing aspects of your treatment and condition, but this type of data cannot identify you personally without the use of extra identifying data (Type I data).

BioGrid enabled research only uses Type C - clinical data.

BioGrid processes clinical data for the purposes of medical research. BioGrid enabled research involves finding statistical patterns in clinical information - such as the best type of treatment for a specific disease.

Some Type I identifying data is used internally in a controlled secure manner to generate codes enabling researchers to be able to analyse progress of treatment over time for the same patient – only those codes are then made available to approved researchers.

Data accessed through BioGrid by researchers does not contain the identity of patients or doctors.

What if I don't want my information used?

We understand that not everyone may be comfortable about having his or her clinical information in a database for research, even if it cannot identify the patient.

You may use this form to stop clinical information about your healthcare being collected by BioGrid.

The level of treatment and care received by you at the clinic will not change if you choose to withdraw permission.

You can withdraw from the BioGrid Australia project at any time, even after clinical data has been collected. Upon withdrawal, your existing and future data will not be made available to BioGrid.

You should be aware that, unless you tell us that you refuse to have your information accessed by BioGrid, we will assume that you are happy to be part of BioGrid enabled research.

To stop your clinical information being made available through BioGrid, you can do one of the following:

- complete and mail this form to BioGrid Australia at the postal address below
- complete and email this form to enquiries@biogrid.org.au
- contact your hospital's Ethics & Research Office during office hours
- contact the BioGrid Australia office on + 61 (3) 9342 2690 during office hours

Please note: Your personal information is required to stop BioGrid accessing your clinical data at the point of collection at your clinic or hospital.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I hereby withdraw permission for BioGrid to access my clinical records.

Signed: _____ Date: _____