Privacy Statement

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) is committed to respecting and protecting your privacy. We have structured our Web site so that, in general, you can visit us on the Web without identifying yourself or revealing any personal information.

This Privacy Policy sets forth the STC-HPS's practices regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of information that you may provide through this site. Please read this entire Privacy Policy before using this site or submitting information to STC-HPS through this site.

By using this site and whenever you submit information through this site to STC-HPS, you agree with the terms of STC-HPS's Privacy Policy written below.

Data Collection

STC-HPS only collects personally identifiable data such as your name, address, telephone number, or email address when you voluntarily submit it to STC-HPS. This information may be used by personnel of STC-HPS as a means to contact you to obtain more information, to improve this site, or to provide you with information that you have requested or that STC-HPS believes may be of interest to you. Data the STC-HPS collects will not be transferred to a third party outside of STC-HPS without your prior consent, but it may be used within STC-HPS or by a company acting as an agent of STC-HPS for processing and mailing purposes. STC-HPS may also use this information for performing marketing studies or for other commercial purposes for which it may receive compensation.

As part of the order process, if we collect credit/debit card information, your information will be used to fill your order, but we will never share your personal payment information with third parties.

While STC-HPS makes every reasonable effort to protect the information collected through its Web sites, please be aware that there is always some risk involved when submitting data over the Internet. We cannot guarantee that our Web site is 100 percent safe from illegal tampering or "hacking." Any data transmitted over the Internet may be at risk; however, once it is received at STC-HPS, it has the same protection that STC-HPS extends to its own confidential information.

We track the total number of visitors to our Web site, the number of visitors to each page of the Web site, and the domain names of our visitors' Internet service providers. No personally identifiable information is gathered in this process.

Updating Your Information

If at any time you wish to stop receiving emails or other communications from us, or if you have submitted personally identifiable information through our Web site and would like to have that information deleted from our records, please notify us at webmaster@stc-hps.org. You may also request access to personal data about you that STC-HPS holds and you may have the opportunity to request a correction or amendment to your personal data.

Links to Third-Party Sites
As a convenience to our visitors, our sites may contain links to other (non-STC-HPS) sites that we believe may offer useful information. The Privacy Policy presented here does not apply to those sites. You should contact these sites directly for information on their privacy policies, confidentiality agreements, and data collection/distribution procedures.

**Children's Policy**

Our Web site is not intended or designed to attract children under the age of 18. We do not collect personal information from any person we actually know is under the age of 18.

**Cookies**

Some of our Web sites use a technology called "non-persistent cookies," which is a small data file that a server gives to your browser when you access a Web site in order to let you access the pages you request and to track the pages visited. Using non-persistent cookies to track page visits helps us analyze our site usage more accurately. In cases in which non-persistent cookies are used, we will not collect personally identifiable information except with your explicit permission. Please note that linked non-STC-HPS sites may also use cookies. STC-HPS cannot control the use of cookies by these non-STC-HPS sites. We also want you to know that when you link from a STC-HPS Web site to another Web site, that site may have the ability to recognize that you have come from an STC-HPS site. If you do not want any other Web sites to know that you have been on this Web site, we recommend that you do not use the links provided in our site.

**Refunds**

Refunds are not issued for purchase of STC-HPS memberships. Membership is canceled when the membership term expires or if an individual or institution requests that the membership be terminated. Refunds for chapter meetings will be provided upon request so long as specific requirements and deadlines stated during event registration are met.

**Privacy Policy Updates**

Any changes to STC-HPS Internet Privacy Policy will be posted on this page. This Privacy Policy was last updated: 06 January 2011.