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The following outlines our privacy policy.

- Before or at the time of collecting personal information, we will identify the purposes for which information is being collected.
- We will collect and use personal information solely with the objective of fulfilling those purposes specified by us and for other compatible purposes, unless we obtain the consent of the individual concerned or as required by law.
- We will only retain personal information as long as necessary for the fulfillment of those purposes.
- We will collect personal information by lawful and fair means and, where appropriate, with the knowledge or consent of the individual concerned.
- Personal data should be relevant to the purposes for which it is to be used, and, to the extent necessary for those purposes, should be accurate, complete, and up-to-date.
- We will protect personal information by reasonable security safeguards against loss or theft, as well as unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use or modification.
- We will make readily available to customers information about our policies and practices relating to the management of personal information.

Most data collected by SOBP are used only to help us better serve our members. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our members and visitors knowingly provide. If our privacy policies change, we will notify all users by e-mail or a special announcement placed on the Web site.

The SOBP website uses cookies which are text files placed on your computer, to help SOBP analyze how users use the site. Information collected through cookies may be used for the purpose of evaluating your use of the website, compiling reports on website activity and providing other services relating to website activity and Internet usage. Cookies may also be used to help recognize you when you come back to our site and allow the site to populate the user name and password fields when you return to the site.

You may be allowed to use the website to register for the SOBP annual meeting or pay your annual membership dues. We use security measures such as encryption using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology to protect the security of financial transactions. SOBP does not disclose credit card account information provided by its members and customers. When members and customers choose to pay using their credit cards, SOBP submits the information needed to obtain payment to the appropriate clearinghouse.

You hereby acknowledge that SOBP is not responsible for any intercepted information sent via the Internet, and you hereby release us from any and all claims arising out of or related to the use of intercepted information in any unauthorized manner.

When you become a registered user on our site, or choose to interact with our site in other ways, such as registering for the SOBP annual meeting, paying annual membership fees, applying for SOBP membership, participating in online surveys, etc., we will collect certain personal information from you. The type of personal information collected will vary but may include name, address, phone number, birth date, billing and delivery information, e-mail address, credit card information and other demographic information. We do not collect Social Security numbers via the SOBP Web site. The type of product or service that you seek will determine the personal information that is collected.

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The SOBP may disclose your personal information if required to do so by law or in the good-faith belief that such action is necessary to: (a) conform to legal requirements or comply with legal process served on the SOBP; (b) protect and defend the rights or property of SOBP; or (c) protect the personal safety of SOBP personnel or members of the public in urgent circumstances.

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We are committed to conducting our business in accordance with these principles in order to ensure that the confidentiality of personal information is protected and maintained. Please direct any questions or comments to sobp@sobp.org.

If any User suspects SOBPs has handled its personal information in a manner that does not comply with this privacy statement, please contact us by e-mailing sobp@sobp.org or calling 904-953-2842.