# Registry for Histiocytic Disorders Information

## Introduction

The Registry for Histiocytic Disorders is for adults with any type of histiocytosis and has been set up under the supervision of the Histiocyte Society at the Elisabethinen Hospital in Vienna, Austria.

Even though histiocytosis is probably as common in adults as in children, much less is known about histiocytosis in adults. This includes how it affects people, the best way to treat it and what happens during the course of the illness. We will submit data for adult patients with histiocytosis to the registry using a secure online website specially created for the Registry. The database is in English and German.

## Aims of the Registry

The Registry for Histiocytic Disorders has been set up as an international effort to improve knowledge, understanding and treatment of adults with histiocytosis. In order to produce the best quality data it is necessary to have information from as many patients as possible. Its objectives are:

* To collect information from multiple national databases to answer research questions about diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of adult patients
* To develop standard treatment protocols and help adult patients to access clinical trials of new drugs
* To help doctors advocate for patients with histiocytosis by providing information about how people’s lives are affected and what healthcare they require to optimize their quality of life

## Information collected by the Registry

Your year of birth, gender, and ethnicity are required because it is useful to know what group of patients are most often affected, for example young or old, male or female. The registry will also know you are a UK resident because we are submitting your data. Your participation is anonymous since there is almost no chance that you could be identified from this information. The information will also be treated confidentially and only released to researchers who want to make a contribution to understanding your disease. Although the fact that you have a rare disorder is linked to your identity, your data will only ever be published in a completely anonymous way as part of a cohort or group of patients rather than you as an individual. Information about your illness needs to be as complete as possible. Most of this will come from your medical records, pathology reports and x-rays or scans. You may discuss this further with your doctor and let us know if there is anything that you do not wish to be disclosed.

## Data Security Information

The UK Histiocytosis Registry has a duty and responsibility for safeguarding your information and how it is used. We have reviewed the security of the Histiocytic Disorder Registry database and are satisfied that it meets the appropriate standards. The Registry team headed by Dr Girschikofsky uses German IT Company, Celsius 37 (<http://www.celsius37.com/>), to manage the database. This company specializes in medical databases and already delivers a web-based database for 11 hospitals in the region of Upper-Austria, including the Elisabethinen Hospital. The database is hosted on a secure server by the IT company T-Systems Austria (<https://www.t-systems.at/>). A letter from T-systems giving details of their security precautions is included below.

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