

TERMS OF USE

Jackson Heart Study Public Website

Jackson Heart Study Data Coordinating Center
Wake Forest Health Sciences / Advocate Health

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1. Acceptance of Terms

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2. About This Website

The JHS public website is operated by the Jackson Heart Study Data Coordinating Center (JHS DCC) under contract with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The site provides general information about the Jackson Heart Study, supports the scientific community through access to study publications and research resources, facilitates requests for access to de-identified study data, and provides communication tools for authorized study staff and collaborators.

This website does not contain participant-level data, personally identifiable information (PII), or Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). All sensitive research data is maintained in a separate, access-controlled secure research environment subject to federal data security requirements.

3. General Use of the Site

Use of this website is permitted for lawful, non-commercial purposes consistent with the mission of the Jackson Heart Study. You agree **not** to:

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- Use automated tools, bots, or scrapers to harvest or extract content from this site without prior written authorization from the JHS DCC.
- Submit false, misleading, or fraudulent information through any form or request mechanism on this site.
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- Misrepresent your identity, institutional affiliation, or research credentials in any communication or request submitted through this site.
- Use site content for commercial purposes without prior written permission.

4. Authenticated Features and Account Responsibilities

Certain features of this website require an authorized account, including the JHS Publications Tool, the Staff Directory, and the ability to submit requests to the Coordinating Center. Access to these features is limited to individuals who have been granted authorization by the JHS DCC.

4.1 Account Security

- You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your login credentials
- You must not share your account credentials with any other individual
- You must notify the JHS DCC immediately if you suspect your account has been compromised
- You are responsible for all activity that occurs under your account

4.2 Publications Tool

The Publications Tool provides authorized users with access to JHS study publications, manuscripts in review, and related research resources. Use of materials accessed through this tool is subject to the intellectual property provisions in Section 6 of these Terms of Use and all applicable JHS and NIH publication policies. Unauthorized distribution of prepublication or embargoed materials is strictly prohibited.

4.3 Staff Directory

The Staff Directory is provided for legitimate study coordination and communication purposes. Contact information contained in the Staff Directory may not be used for solicitation, marketing, or any purpose unrelated to official JHS study business. Bulk extraction or export of directory information is prohibited.

4.4 Coordinating Center Requests

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4.5 System Use Notification

Use of authenticated features of this site is subject to monitoring in accordance with federal requirements. By logging in, you acknowledge that your activity may be logged and audited. There is no expectation of privacy with respect to activity conducted within authenticated areas of this site.

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The JHS DCC facilitates requests for access to de-identified Jackson Heart Study data for qualified researchers. Access to JHS data requires either an approved Proposal or Ancillary Study, and a fully executed Data and Materials Distribution Agreement (DMDA): <https://jhs.phs.wakehealth.edu/public/dspDataAccess.cfm>. Submission of a data access request through this site does not constitute approval of access. All requests are subject to review and approval in accordance with current JHS data access policies.

By submitting a data access request, you acknowledge and agree that:

- All information provided in your request is accurate and complete.
- Access, if granted, will be governed by a separate Data Use Agreement (DUA) executed between your institution and the JHS DCC.
- Approved data may only be used for the specific research purpose described in your approved request.
- Re-identification of de-identified data is strictly prohibited.
- Any publication or presentation resulting from use of JHS data must comply with JHS and NIH publication policies and include required funding acknowledgments.
- Data access may be suspended or revoked for failure to comply with the terms of the executed DUA or applicable policies.

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11. Contact Information

Questions regarding these Terms of Use, data access requests, or use of site content should be directed to: **Jackson Heart Study Data Coordinating Center**, Wake Forest University Health Sciences

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