American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology

Policy on Survey Data Ownership and Use

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The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) provides its individual members and constituent groups (including Sections, Committees, workgroups, and task forces) the opportunity to collect data about and from its members and their practice of allergy/immunology. These surveys and the data they generate are used for a variety of purposes, including the development of educational programming and as components of research initiatives. This policy outlines the ownership and appropriate use of this survey data.

Data Ownership

All survey data collected from AAAAI members using AAAAI resources are the intellectual property of the AAAAI. Each survey's author(s) is/are authorized to make use of the data in whatever ways are authorized by the appropriate AAAAI oversight body at the time the survey request is approved, with reference to how the data was collected. Citations of this data in publications should reference AAAAI as the source of the data.

Data Publication

1. Any intention to publish or otherwise publicly distribute survey data must be disclosed at the time the survey request is initiated.
2. Survey authors may be granted up to one calendar year from the time the final survey data is collected in which to publish or otherwise distribute the results if requested at the time the survey request is submitted. After this time the AAAAI may distribute the survey data in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

Survey Approval and Distribution

1. Any request to survey the membership of the AAAAI in whole or in part must first be approved by the appropriate AAAAI oversight body.
2. AAAAI membership lists will not be shared with other organizations or individuals for purposes of distributing surveys to its members. Once a survey is approved, AAAAI will distribute the survey instrument to its members on behalf of the survey's authors and any data collected will be shared with the survey authors once the survey project is completed.
3. Individuals or organizations initiating requests to survey AAAAI members may be assessed a fee to cover the costs associated with survey development and distribution.
4. Individuals or organizations other than those initiating the survey project who request access to AAAAI survey data may be charged a fee to receive this information. Such requests will only be considered after any embargo related to publication of the data has been lifted.

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