

# Terms of Use

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Welcome to the website of the **Plasminogen Deficiency Foundation, Inc.** (“PLGD Foundation,” “we,” “us,” or “our”). These Terms of Use (“Terms”) govern your use of **plasminogendeficiency.org** and any other PLGD Foundation website, online service, community, feature, or content that links to these Terms (collectively, the “Site”).

By accessing or using the Site, you agree to these Terms. If you do not agree with these Terms, please do not use the Site.

## 1. About the PLGD Foundation and the Site

The Plasminogen Deficiency Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by plasminogen deficiency through education, advocacy, community support, and research.

The Site provides educational and informational resources about plasminogen deficiency and related topics. It may also provide information about:

- PLGD Foundation programs and events;
- patient and family resources;
- healthcare providers and referrals;
- treatments and medications;
- clinical trials and research;
- patient and family stories;
- fundraising and donations;
- educational materials and publications; and
- other organizations or resources that may be helpful to the PLGD community.

## 2. The Site Does Not Provide Medical Advice

**The Site is provided for general educational and informational purposes only. It does not provide medical advice, diagnosis, treatment, or individualized medical recommendations.**

The PLGD Foundation is not a healthcare provider and does not practice medicine through the Site, by email, through our online community, or through other communications.

Nothing on the Site should be used as a substitute for professional medical advice or to:

- diagnose a medical condition;
- determine whether a treatment is appropriate for you or your child;
- start, stop, or change a medication or treatment;
- replace advice from your physician or other qualified healthcare professional; or
- delay seeking medical care.

You should always consult your physician, pharmacist, or other qualified healthcare professional regarding your individual medical needs.

**If you believe you or your child is experiencing a medical emergency, contact emergency medical services or seek immediate medical attention.**

The PLGD Foundation does not provide emergency medical services and does not monitor the Site or communications for medical emergencies.

### **3. Information About Treatments, Medications, and Research**

The Site may contain information about medications, treatments, clinical trials, research studies, healthcare providers, procedures, or other medical topics.

This information is provided for educational purposes only.

The PLGD Foundation does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or current status of information about any treatment, medication, clinical trial, research study, healthcare provider, or other medical resource.

Information about medications, treatments, and clinical trials may change over time. Approval status, indications, labeling, availability, and treatment recommendations may differ among countries.

**A medication, treatment, clinical trial, or other resource discussed on the Site may not be approved, available, or appropriate in your country.**

The inclusion of information about a treatment, medication, company, healthcare provider, research study, clinical trial, product, or organization does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the PLGD Foundation.

The PLGD Foundation does not control clinical trials or medical treatments operated by third parties and is not responsible for decisions you make regarding participation in a clinical trial or use of a treatment.

### **4. International Users and Translated Content**

The PLGD Foundation welcomes visitors from around the world.

However, the Site is operated from the United States, and not all information, treatments, programs, resources, or services described on the Site are available or appropriate in every country.

If you access or use the Site outside the United States, you are responsible for complying with applicable local laws.

Some Site content may be translated into languages other than English. We make reasonable efforts to provide accurate translations, but translations may not always be complete, certified, or identical to the original English-language content.

**When making healthcare decisions, please consult a qualified healthcare professional and, when appropriate, review the original English-language information.**

## 5. Privacy and Personal Information

Our **Privacy Policy** explains how the PLGD Foundation collects, uses, stores, shares, protects, and retains personal information.

The Privacy Policy is incorporated into these Terms by reference.

The Site may allow you to voluntarily provide information such as your name, email address, date of birth, geographic location, healthcare-related information, donation information, or other information.

Because information about a person's health or PLGD status may be sensitive personal information, **please provide only information that is necessary for the particular purpose for which you are contacting us.**

Please do not submit sensitive health information in public areas of the Site, including public comments, community posts, or other publicly visible areas.

For information about your privacy rights, including rights that may apply under the GDPR or other applicable privacy laws, please see our Privacy Policy.

## 6. Healthcare Referral Requests

The PLGD Foundation may provide a voluntary referral service to help individuals identify healthcare providers who may have experience with plasminogen deficiency.

A referral is intended only to help you locate potentially relevant healthcare resources.

**The PLGD Foundation does not guarantee the qualifications, availability, treatment practices, experience, or quality of any healthcare provider to whom we refer you.**

A referral does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of a particular physician, hospital, clinic, or treatment.

You are responsible for evaluating and selecting your own healthcare provider and for discussing your healthcare needs directly with that provider.

When submitting a referral request, please provide only the information requested through the referral form. The handling of information submitted through the referral process is described in our Privacy Policy.

## **7. Children and Parents or Guardians**

The PLGD Foundation serves a community that includes children and families.

Children may access educational portions of the Site. However, certain features or activities may require a parent or legal guardian's involvement or consent.

If you are a parent or legal guardian submitting information about a child, you represent that you are authorized to provide that information and provide any consent required by applicable law.

If a child submits information to us, we may take reasonable steps to determine whether parental or guardian involvement or consent is required.

Where required by applicable law, we will obtain parental or guardian consent before processing a child's personal information on the basis of consent.

Parents and legal guardians may contact us regarding information submitted about a child and may exercise applicable privacy rights as described in our Privacy Policy.

The PLGD Foundation does not knowingly require children to provide more personal information than is reasonably necessary to participate in a particular activity.

## **8. Patient Stories, Photographs, and Other User Content**

The PLGD Foundation may invite patients, parents, caregivers, and community members to share stories, photographs, videos, testimonials, artwork, or other materials ("User Content").

User Content may be submitted for possible publication on the Site, social media, newsletters, educational materials, fundraising materials, or other PLGD Foundation communications.

**Submission of User Content does not guarantee that the PLGD Foundation will publish or use it.**

Where appropriate, the PLGD Foundation will obtain a separate consent or release before publicly sharing patient stories, photographs, or other identifiable information.

You should not submit another person's photograph, story, medical information, or other personal information unless you have the authority and permission required to do so.

You retain ownership of User Content that you own.

When you voluntarily submit User Content for publication and provide the applicable permission or release, you grant the PLGD Foundation a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to reproduce, publish, display, distribute, edit for length or clarity, and otherwise use that User Content in connection with the PLGD Foundation's charitable mission, including education, advocacy, fundraising, communications, and awareness activities.

We will handle personal information associated with User Content in accordance with our Privacy Policy and any specific consent or release provided.

You may contact us if you would like to request that previously published User Content be removed. We will consider such requests in accordance with applicable law and any applicable consent or release.

## 9. Online Community

The PLGD Foundation may provide an online community or other spaces where members can communicate with one another.

Community content may be visible to other registered community members and, depending on the particular feature, may be publicly accessible.

**Do not post information that you would not want other people to see.**

You are responsible for the content you choose to post.

You agree not to use the Site or community to:

- harass, threaten, intimidate, or abuse another person;
- post hateful, discriminatory, defamatory, obscene, or unlawful content;
- share another person's private or confidential information without permission;
- provide intentionally false or dangerously misleading medical information;
- impersonate another person or organization;
- advertise or solicit without permission;
- distribute malware, viruses, or other harmful material;
- violate another person's intellectual property rights;
- engage in unlawful activity; or
- interfere with the security or operation of the Site.

The PLGD Foundation may remove content, restrict access, or suspend or terminate a user's participation in community features when we believe it is necessary to protect the community, the Site, or the PLGD Foundation.

Information or opinions posted by community members are those of the individuals posting them and **do not necessarily represent the views of the PLGD Foundation.**

## **10. User Accounts**

Certain Site features may require you to create an account.

You agree to provide accurate information and to keep your account information current.

You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your login credentials and for activity occurring through your account.

You must notify us promptly if you believe your account has been accessed without authorization.

You may not use another person's account without permission.

## **11. Donations and Fundraising**

The Site may provide opportunities to make donations or participate in fundraising activities benefiting the PLGD Foundation.

Donations may be processed through third-party services such as Givebutter or other payment providers.

When you make a donation or otherwise use a third-party payment service, that service's terms and privacy policy may also apply.

The PLGD Foundation does not receive or control all information processed by third-party payment providers.

Donation receipts, tax treatment, refunds, and other transaction-related matters may be subject to additional terms provided at the time of the transaction.

## **12. Third-Party Websites, Services, and Resources**

The Site may link to or integrate with third-party websites, applications, services, payment platforms, healthcare resources, research organizations, pharmaceutical companies, government agencies, social media platforms, or other third parties.

Examples may include websites used for donations, community services, email communications, research information, clinical trials, or healthcare resources.

Third-party services operate independently from the PLGD Foundation and may have their own terms, privacy policies, and practices.

**We do not control and are not responsible for third-party websites, services, content, products, privacy practices, security, or availability.**

A link or reference does not necessarily mean that the PLGD Foundation endorses or recommends the third party.

You use third-party websites and services at your own discretion and risk.

## **13. Cookies and Similar Technologies**

The Site may use cookies, analytics tools, pixels, or similar technologies to operate the Site, understand how visitors use the Site, improve our services, maintain security, or support communications and fundraising.

Our Privacy Policy explains the categories of cookies and similar technologies we use and the choices available to you.

Where applicable law requires consent before placing or using certain non-essential cookies or similar technologies, we will request that consent through an appropriate mechanism.

## **14. Intellectual Property**

Unless otherwise indicated, the Site and its contents—including text, articles, educational materials, graphics, photographs, illustrations, videos, downloads, designs, logos, and other materials—are owned by or licensed to the PLGD Foundation.

These materials are protected by copyright, trademark, and other applicable intellectual property laws.

You may access and use Site materials for your own personal, educational, and non-commercial purposes.

You may share links to PLGD Foundation pages and may make reasonable quotations for legitimate educational, informational, advocacy, or nonprofit purposes, provided that appropriate attribution is given and the use does not imply endorsement by the PLGD Foundation.

Except as permitted above or by applicable law, you may not:

- reproduce substantial portions of the Site;

- republish or commercially exploit our materials;
- modify our materials or create derivative works;
- sell, license, or redistribute our content;
- remove copyright or other proprietary notices;
- systematically download or copy Site content;
- scrape, mine, or harvest Site content using automated means; or
- use our content in a way that suggests that the PLGD Foundation sponsors, endorses, or is affiliated with your product, organization, or activity without our written permission.

## 15. PLGD Foundation Name and Logo

The name **Plasminogen Deficiency Foundation**, “PLGD Foundation,” our logos, and other PLGD Foundation marks are owned by or licensed to the PLGD Foundation.

Nothing on the Site grants you a license to use these marks.

You may not use the PLGD Foundation's name or logo in a manner that suggests sponsorship, endorsement, partnership, or affiliation without our prior written permission.

Requests for permission may be sent to **[contact@plgd.org](mailto:contact@plgd.org)**.

## 16. Prohibited Uses

You may not use the Site in a manner that:

- violates applicable law;
- harms or attempts to harm another person;
- attempts to gain unauthorized access to the Site, accounts, or systems;
- introduces malware, viruses, or other harmful code;
- interferes with the operation or security of the Site;
- attempts to circumvent security or access controls;
- impersonates another person or organization;
- collects personal information about other users without authorization;
- sends spam or unauthorized commercial communications;
- uses automated systems to scrape or harvest Site content or user information; or
- otherwise violates these Terms.

## 17. Accuracy and Availability of the Site

We make reasonable efforts to provide accurate and useful information, but we cannot guarantee that Site content will always be accurate, complete, current, or error-free.

We may update, change, suspend, or discontinue any portion of the Site at any time.

We do not guarantee that the Site will always be available, uninterrupted, secure, or free from errors or harmful components.

## **18. Disclaimer of Warranties**

**TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SITE AND ALL CONTENT, INFORMATION, FEATURES, AND SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE SITE ARE PROVIDED “AS IS” AND “AS AVAILABLE.”**

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE PLGD FOUNDATION DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT.

THE PLGD FOUNDATION DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SITE OR ITS CONTENT WILL MEET YOUR PARTICULAR NEEDS, THAT INFORMATION WILL ALWAYS BE CURRENT OR ACCURATE, OR THAT THE SITE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE.

## **19. Limitation of Liability**

**TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE PLGD FOUNDATION AND ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO YOUR USE OF, OR INABILITY TO USE, THE SITE OR ITS CONTENT.**

This includes, to the extent permitted by law, damages arising from reliance on Site information, third-party websites or services, interruptions or errors in the Site, or unauthorized access to information.

Nothing in these Terms excludes or limits liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited under applicable law.

## **20. Indemnification**

To the maximum extent permitted by law, you agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the PLGD Foundation and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives from claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from or related to:

- your violation of these Terms;
- your misuse of the Site;
- your User Content; or

- your violation of another person's rights.

## 21. Changes to These Terms

We may update these Terms from time to time.

When we make changes, we will post the updated Terms on the Site and update the Effective Date.

Your continued use of the Site after revised Terms become effective constitutes acceptance of the revised Terms, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

If we make a material change that materially affects your rights or obligations, we may provide additional notice when appropriate.

## 22. Suspension or Termination

We may suspend or terminate access to all or part of the Site, including community features, if we believe that you have violated these Terms, applicable law, or another person's rights, or if necessary to protect the Site, the PLGD Foundation, or our community.

We may also discontinue or restrict access to portions of the Site for operational, security, or other legitimate reasons.

## 23. Governing Law

These Terms are governed by the laws of the **State of North Carolina**, without regard to its conflict-of-law principles, except to the extent federal law applies.

Subject to applicable law, disputes relating to these Terms or the Site will be subject to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in North Carolina.

**Before initiating legal proceedings, we encourage you to contact us so that we can attempt to resolve the issue informally.**

Nothing in these Terms prevents you from exercising a legal right that cannot be waived or restricted by contract.

## 24. Severability

If any provision of these Terms is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.

## **25. No Waiver**

Our failure to enforce any provision of these Terms does not constitute a waiver of our right to enforce that provision in the future.

## **26. Entire Agreement**

These Terms, together with our Privacy Policy and any additional terms expressly incorporated into these Terms, constitute the agreement between you and the PLGD Foundation concerning your use of the Site.

Additional terms may apply to particular programs, events, services, donations, fundraising activities, or other features. If additional terms conflict with these Terms, the additional terms will control with respect to that particular activity.

## **27. Contact Us**

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about these Terms or the Site, please contact us:

**Plasminogen Deficiency Foundation, Inc.**

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Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
United States

**Email:** [contact@plgd.org](mailto:contact@plgd.org)

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