

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**THE APS TYPE 1 (APECED) REGISTRY ON THE NORD NATURAL HISTORY PLATFORM**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY. IN UTILIZING THIS SERVICE, YOU REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, OR THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN YOUR STATE, PROVINCE, OR COUNTRY, OR HAVE THE EXPRESS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF A MINOR OR AN ADULT UNABLE TO ACT FOR THEMSELVES, AND YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, YOU MUST BE AN ADULT OF LEGAL AGE TO SUBMIT PERSONAL MEDICAL DATA AND INFORMATION. IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, YOU MAY NOT ACCESS THIS SITE OR UTILIZE ANY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED ON OR THROUGH THIS SITE.**

The APS Type 1 (APECED) Registry (the "Registry") is a project of The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. to collect patient information and medical information concerning APS Type 1/APECED in order to accelerate research and find better treatments and ultimately a cure for this condition.

#### **1. General, Purpose, and Acceptance of Terms and Conditions**

**a. General.** Use of the Registry website (the "Website") and the services associated with the Website (the "Services") is governed by the following terms and conditions herein (these "Terms and Conditions") and the NORD Natural History Study Platform Service and Use Agreement (the "Agreement") to which The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. is a signatory. All pages within the Website are owned by the National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. ("NORD") and The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. owns and retains ownership of all data submitted to the Registry. The Website and the Registry are part of the NORD Natural History Platform (the "NHS Platform").

**b. Purpose.** The purpose of the Website is to allow individuals, families, and medical and research providers to enter certain information to the Registry. The voluntary information provided by the registrant during registration, is maintained in a secured database and identifiable data will not be shared outside The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. without the registrant's express consent. However, The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. may allow researchers and other approved third parties to search and access *pseudonymized* information.

**c. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions.** By using the Website, you represent that you accept and agree that you have read all of these Terms and Conditions. If you do not agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, you may not submit data to the Website.

#### **2. Intellectual Property Rights and Ownership**

The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. owns and retains ownership of all personal data submitted to this Website, including: all personal, identifiable data and metadata collected through the Registry, and all intellectual property rights thereto, except for NORD's rights to pseudonymized data. NORD owns and retains ownership of all intellectual property rights in the NHS Platform, including the core data set, and any and all material that would enable the NHS Platform to be reproduced, recreated, or recompiled, including the standard program templates. Unless noted otherwise in the Agreement, The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and NORD each retains right, title and interest to its own intellectual property.

#### **3. Use of the Website**

**a. Legal Capacity.** You may use the Website to register to be included in the Registry if (i) you are at least eighteen (18) years of age, or the age of majority in your state, province, or country; (ii) you are competent to form legally binding agreements under applicable law; and (iii) you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. If you are not competent to form legally binding agreements, do not use the Website.

**b. True, Accurate and Complete Information.** If you register to use the Website, you agree to provide true, accurate, and complete registration information.

**c. Lawful Use.** By accepting these Terms and Conditions, you agree to refrain from prohibited conduct, defined here as any conduct that: (i) is abusive, harassing, or otherwise harmful to the Registry, The APS Type 1 (APECED) Registry, or any other party or property; (ii) violates or tries to violate another party's right to privacy; or (iii) seeks to disrupt the use or operation of the Website, the Registry or the NHS Platform. You also agree that: (A) you will not submit data that you know or believe to be false, fraudulent, inaccurate or misleading; and (B) you will not knowingly submit data from a computer that you know or believe may contain any viruses, Trojan horses, worms, time bombs, spiders, or other computer programming routines that may damage, detrimentally interfere with, surreptitiously intercept or expropriate, any system, data or personal information. In addition, you will not use the Website, the Registry or the NHS Platform to make any defamatory, libelous or threatening statements or knowingly use it to generate any spam.

**d. Website for Allowable Activities Only.** The Website is for the use of registered and authorized users only. The Agreement terms control the use of all data within the Website and the Registry.

**e. No Unauthorized Use.** You may not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Website, the Registry, the Services or the NHS Platform through hacking, password mining, or any other means.

#### **4. User Conduct and Responsibility**

**a. Security.** You are solely responsible for the security of your password and your account and are fully responsible for all activities that occur under your password or account with or without your knowledge. You should not knowingly provide your login and password information to another person. You agree to immediately change your password and notify the Registry coordinator via email at [registry@apstype1.org](mailto:registry@apstype1.org) of potential unauthorized use of your password or account or any other breach of security. The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. is liable for any loss or damage arising from your failure to comply. Certain portions of the Website and information contained on the Website may be accessible only to authorized registered users or to affiliates, service providers, or other business partners of The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc., or may otherwise be password restricted. You agree not to (i) gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to such portions of the Website or to information contained in such portions of the Website; (ii) obtain or attempt to obtain confidential, proprietary, and/or personal information stored on the Website; (iii) distribute passwords to unregistered or unauthorized users; or (iv) make any unauthorized use of the Website or information accessible on the Website. The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. reserves the right to deny or revoke access to the Website, the Registry or the Services, in whole or in part, if The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. reasonably believes that you are in breach of these Terms and Conditions or are otherwise using or accessing the Website, the Registry or the Services in any manner inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions.

**b. User Submitted Content.** You will exercise caution, discretion, common sense, and judgment in, using and accessing both the Website, the Registry and the NHS Platform and all content contained therein. Content that is unacceptable, inappropriate, or not in compliance with these Terms and Conditions may result in termination of your access to the Website, the Registry and the NHS Platform. NORD and The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. have the right to edit and delete any portion of the Website.

You are responsible for any content you post, publish, display, or otherwise transmit to the Website. You agree not to transmit or otherwise make available on the Website any material protected by copyright, trademark, publicity, privacy, or other proprietary right without the express permission of such individual or the owner of such rights, respectively. The burden of determining that transmission of the information is permissible, or that the material is not protected by such rights, is on you, the user.

**c. Cooperation.** You agree to cooperate fully with The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and NORD to investigate any suspected or actual activity that is in breach of these Terms and Conditions.

**d. Research Studies.** The value and relevance of the information provided by the Registry is directly linked to the information provided by users. It is your responsibility to provide complete, accurate, and updated information to the Website.

**e. Risk of Using the Website.** You acknowledge and agree that any uploads or transmission you make to, from, or through the Website may be intercepted and used by an unauthorized third party and that all of the risk associated with these activities is solely yours.

**f. Links to Other Websites.** The Registry and the NHS Platform may contain links to related websites. The inclusion of any link does not imply endorsement by The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc., the or NORD. It is up to you to take precautions to ensure that whatever links you select for your use is free of viruses, worms, Trojan horses, and other items of a destructive nature.

#### **5. Disclaimer of Medical Advice**

Website content is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a substitute for independent professional medical judgment, advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Any questions regarding your health should be directed to your physician or a qualified health provider, and you should neither disregard nor delay seeking medical advice relating to treatment or standard of care because of information featured on or transmitted through the Website.

#### **6. Disclaimer of Warranties**

THERE IS NO WARRANTY THAT THE WEBSITE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE OR THAT DEFECTS IN THE WEBSITE WILL BE CORRECTED; THAT ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED ON OR TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE WEBSITE IS COMPLETE, ACCURATE OR CURRENT; THAT USER OR OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE COMPLETELY SECURE FROM UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OR DISCLOSURE; OR THAT ANY INFORMATION IS FREE OF VIRUSES OR OTHER ROGUE PROGRAMMING.

#### **7. Limitation of Liability**

NEITHER THE APS TYPE 1 FOUNDATION INC. NOR NORD SHALL BE LIABLE TO ANY THIRD-PARTY ARISING FROM YOUR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WEBSITE, THE REGISTRY OR THE NHS PLATFORM, INCLUDING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 3 AND SECTION 4 ABOVE.

#### **8. Copyright**

You agree that content contained on the Website, and the intellectual property by which the Website is produced, may not be modified, copied, distributed, framed, republished, downloaded, displayed, or sold in any form or by any means, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent and approval of The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. or NORD, as applicable for a particular purpose.

#### **9. Trademarks**

The name "The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc.," the name "The APS Type 1 (APECED) Registry," the Registry logo, and other logos, associated organizations, and names are trademarks of The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc.. You agree not to display or use these trademarks in any manner without The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc.'s prior, written permission. The name "National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc.," the name "NORD," the NHS Platform and related logos are the property of NORD. You agree not to use or display these trademarks in any manner without NORD's prior, written permission.

#### **10. International Users**

The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and NORD make no claims that information on the Website or the Registry is appropriate or may be downloaded outside of the United States. Access to the Website may not be legal in certain countries or for certain persons. If you access the Website from outside of the United States, you do so voluntarily at your own risk and are responsible for compliance with the laws of your jurisdiction regarding online conduct and acceptable content. User personal information that is submitted to the Website will be collected, processed, stored, disclosed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable U.S. law and the privacy policies of The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and NORD.

#### **11. General Practices Regarding Use and Storage**

You agree that neither The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc nor NORD has any responsibility or liability for the deletion or failure to store any messages and other communications or other content maintained or transmitted by the Website. You acknowledge that The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. reserves the right to log off Registry accounts that are inactive for an extended period of time. You further acknowledge that The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. reserves the right to modify these general practices and limits from time to time.

#### **12. Confidentiality and Use**

You agree that the Agreement governs the collection, use and sharing of personal and non-personal information from you when using the Website. The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and/or NORD may disclose, or be required to disclose, certain information if they have a good faith belief that such disclosure is required by applicable law.

#### **13. Termination**

You agree that your account and access to the Website, the Services, the Registry and the NHS Platform may be immediately terminated, with or without cause, and without prior notice. Without limiting the foregoing, the following may lead to a termination by The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. of a user's use of the Website, the Services, the Registry and/or the NHS Platform: (a) breaches or violations of these Terms and Conditions by the user, (b) a request by law enforcement or other government agencies, (c) a request by you (self-initiated account deletions), (d) unexpected technical issues or problems, and (e) extended periods of inactivity. You agree that all terminations shall be made in The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc.'s sole discretion and that neither The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. nor NORD shall be liable to you or any third-party for any termination of your account or access to the Website, the Services, the Registry or the NHS Platform.

#### **14. Communications from The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc.**

From time to time, The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. or the Registry coordinator or staff may notify users of updates and other valuable information about the Registry, the Website, the Services, the NHS Platform, and related clinical and research studies. By using the Website or registering or subscribing for services provided on or through the Website, users consent to being contacted by the The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc. and related entities, and to receiving such updates and information. Users acknowledge and agree that users must always accept email transmissions from The APS Type 1 Foundation Inc., in order to continue to use the Website or the Services.

#### **15. No Cost to Participate**

There is no cost to submit data to the Registry. Both registration and use of an account on the Registry are free.

#### **16. Governing Law**

Any dispute that arises out of the use of the Website or the Services or these Terms and Conditions will first be mediated prior to resorting to other remedies at law or in equity. Mediation and resolution will be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, regardless of conflict of law principles. Sole and exclusive jurisdiction and venue over any dispute arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions shall lie in the appropriate federal or state court in Massachusetts.

#### **17. Statute of Limitations**

Any cause of action you may have with respect to use of the Website must be commenced within one (1) year after the claim or cause of action arises.

#### **18. Contacting the [Registry Coordinator**

If you have any questions about the Registry, including research and research referral questions or to report violations of these Terms and Conditions, contact Robin Finch, the Registry Coordinator at: [registry@apstype1.org](mailto:registry@apstype1.org).