

Privacy Policy

AAST 2026 Annual Meeting App - American Association for the Surgery of Trauma

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1. Overview

This Privacy Policy explains how the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma ("AAST") collects, uses, protects, and shares information through the AAST 2026 Annual Meeting mobile and web application (the "App"). It applies to all users of the App, including attendees, speakers, exhibitor representatives, and staff.

2. Information We Collect

Account information: When you are invited to the App, AAST creates an account containing your name, email address, and role (for example, attendee, speaker, or administrator). Your display name and role are visible to other App users. Your email address is used for sign-in and communications and is not displayed to other attendees.

Activity information: As you use the App, we collect the sessions you bookmark or add to your personal schedule, exhibitor booths you mark as visited, live poll responses you submit, questions you ask through the Help Desk feature, and your notification settings.

Technical information: We collect standard technical logs, such as sign-in events, needed to operate and secure the App.

3. Speaker Information

Speakers may publish a profile in the App containing their name, credentials, title, institution, biography, photo, professional specialties, and social media links. A speaker's contact email address is never displayed in the App unless the speaker has explicitly turned on email sharing in their profile, which is off by default. If turned on, the speaker may turn it off at any time.

4. How We Use Your Information

We use your information to: (a) provide and personalize your access to Meeting content; (b) maintain your bookmarks, personal schedule, booth visits, and poll responses; (c) send you session reminders and meeting announcements you have not disabled; (d) answer your Help Desk questions; and (e) operate, secure, and improve the App.

5. Who Can See Your Information

Your personal App data - including your bookmarks, personal schedule, booth visits, poll responses, Help Desk questions, and notifications - is visible only to you and to App administrators for support purposes. Other attendees cannot see this data. Speaker contact emails are visible only as described in Section 3. We do not sell your personal information, and we do not share it for advertising.

6. Service Providers

The App is operated on a third-party application hosting platform that stores data and delivers the App on our behalf under contractual confidentiality and security obligations. Otherwise, your information is not shared with third parties except as described in this Policy or as required by law.

7. Data Retention and Your Choices

We retain your App data for the period needed to support the Meeting and its follow-up. You have control over your data: you can update your display name in the App, and you can delete your account at any time from the account menu, which removes your personal data from the App (including your bookmarks, personal schedule, booth visits, poll responses, and notifications). Certain records may be retained where required by law or for legitimate operational purposes, such as fraud prevention.

8. Security

We and our service providers use reasonable administrative and technical safeguards to protect App data, including access controls that restrict each user's data to that user and to administrators. No method of transmission or storage is completely secure, and we cannot guarantee absolute security.

9. Changes to This Policy

AAST may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. The current version will always be available through the App. If we make material changes, we will endeavor to notify users through the App or by email. Continued use of the App after changes take effect constitutes acceptance of the revised policy.

10. Contact

Questions about this Privacy Policy or your data may be directed to AAST at [AAST mailing address - to be inserted] or by email at aastam@ast.org.