

Privacy policy for the HC&ME App

1. 1. About HC&ME

Dear HC&ME user,

we, Christoph Miethke GmbH & Co. KG, provide you with HC&ME, a free mobile app. HC&ME is your electronic hydrocephalus diary, with which you can document your daily well-being, symptoms, activities and treatment history and have them displayed graphically. That helps you learn more about your hydrocephalus.

The protection of your data is very important to us.

In this privacy statement you will find all information about what personal data we collect and how we process it when you use HC&ME.

Personal data is all data that can be related to you personally. Within HC&ME these are e.g: Data on physiology, activities, symptoms, individual therapy and clinical picture.

The best way to protect your data is not to collect it in the first place. For this reason, in accordance with the principle of data minimization, we have carefully considered which data we really need from you in order to do justice to the purpose of the app and deliberately refrain from collecting further data. Our Privacy Policy supplements the HC&ME [Terms of Use](#) for HC&ME.

The person responsible in accordance with Article 4(7) of the Basic Data Protection Regulation (DS-GVO) is:

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If you have any questions about data protection, please contact our data protection officer at:

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1. 2. Data processing during installation via an App Store

When downloading the mobile app, the necessary information is transferred to the respective App Store, in particular user name, e-mail address and customer number of your account, time of download and the individual device code number. We have no influence on this data collection and are not responsible for it. Further information can be found in the privacy policy of the App Store or Play Store.

Privacy statement Apple: <https://www.apple.com/legal/privacy/>

Privacy statement Google: <https://policies.google.com/privacy>

We get automated aggregated and thus anonymous statistics of our App-Store/ PlayStore account. This includes e.g. number of installations and uninstallations, ratings, country code and crash reports.

1. 3. What data do we record from you?

The use of HC&ME is possible in two versions.

Which data we collect from you depends entirely on your version of use:

Version 1 - Use of HC&ME without participating in our research project:

You can use HC&ME in its entirety as a diary with all its functions and the data you enter will be stored locally on your device.

In this case we do not process any personal data entered by you.

All data is stored exclusively on your terminal device.

You can change your diary entries and update them at any time. When you uninstall the app, your data will be irrevocably deleted.

Version 2 - Use of HC&ME with participating in the research project:

HC&ME and research

As an innovative medical technology company, we have developed HC&ME primarily to provide hydrocephalus patients with an opportunity to document their everyday life with hydrocephalus. At the same time, we could learn a lot about hydrocephalus and its diversity from the data of many patients.

This disease in particular is characterized by its special individuality from patient to patient. In particular, the question of the factors that have a positive or negative influence on a HC patient in everyday life has hardly been investigated to date.

We are happy if you want to support us in learning more about hydrocephalus and we understand just as well if you don't want to.

Your data for scientific and statistical research

Data protection is important to us. This also remains the case, if you provide us with your data for research purposes.

You can use HC&ME in its entirety as a diary with all its functions and also take part in our research project. In this case, the data you enter in the diary will be processed for scientific and statistical research purposes in accordance with § 27 BDSG.

By encrypting from the moment you send your data and anonymizing the data, no inference can be made about you as a person.

We use the following data and data categories:

- - Physiology,
- - Activities,
- - Symptoms,
- - Well-being,
- - Shunt history,
- - Hydrocephalus type,

- - RandomID (a random value that is generated during a new installation of the HC&ME app to assign data packages without personal reference to a data record),
- - Time of the last data upload.

This is how the data is transmitted and collected:

When the app is reinstalled, a random value (called RandomID) is generated for each user per device, which can be used to assign all data packages in anonymous form to the same data record. We store your data encrypted and anonymized at Amazon Web Services ([Privacy Notice AWS](#)), whose servers are located in Europe. Encryption and anonymisation do not allow any personal reference. Neither Amazon nor we can assign the data to a specific person. Your data will then be transmitted in encrypted form from Amazon Web Services to our internal company server and evaluated by us. After completion of the evaluation, they are deleted by aggregation in accordance with our deletion concept (Combination of individual values into larger units. The original information is then no longer available in its detail).

You can agree to participate in the research project through an opt-in function immediately after the installation of the app. You also have the possibility to object later at any time (via the "Profile" section within the app) with effect for the future.

Due to legal reasons only residents of the EU can support our research project. If you are outside the EU, your data will not be sent to us, even if you would like to support us.

The objectives of our research

Research purpose 1:

The first research purpose is the evaluation of the data collected with the help of HC&ME in order to gain the following insights:

- - the influence of different everyday factors on the quality of life of HC patients
- - the influence of the everyday behaviour of the HC patients in interaction with the individual shunt system (pressure level adjustment, components, etc.) and the respective HC type.

Research purpose 2: A further research purpose based on this is the creation and maintenance of a database for statistical research purposes in the field of HC research, in order to be able to draw better conclusions for therapy approaches with a representative, nationwide and non-clinical database. In order to improve the patients' quality of life, which is restricted by the disease.

If we have sufficient data available to allow a statistical, scientifically sound analysis, we will publish the collected data in the form of a scientific evaluation in our media for all to share with scientists, you and other patients. This way, all interested parties can benefit from the findings.

1. 4. Obligations of the user for data security

All data you enter will be stored locally on your device. You have the option to additionally secure your diary with a lock code. You are therefore responsible for backing up your data (using back-ups and app updates), modifying, forwarding or damaging it, and losing your mobile device. Please pay close attention to your lock code, because if you have lost it, there is no way to reset it and generate a new lock code. Your previously collected data will then no longer be accessible on your device. In this case you can uninstall the HC&ME App and download it again to start with a "new diary".

You can export your diary data as PDF or CSV at any time, save it, edit it and send it to third parties, e.g. by e-mail. You alone decide to whom you send your data by e-mail.

1. 5. Information about you to third parties

No personal data will be passed on to third parties.

1. 6. Information about you to third parties

Because your data is encrypted and anonymized, we cannot create a personal reference. Therefore it is not possible for us to comply with your right to information, correction, restriction of processing, deletion and data transfer. You can correct your data at any time up to the time of the evaluation.

You can object to the data processing within the framework of the research project with the help of the opt-out function when the app is put into operation or you can revoke the participation in the research project at any time with effect for the future. In the event of a revocation, the processing of your data up to that point remains lawful.

Besides, you have the right to complain to a regulatory agency. Our supervisory authority is the following: LDA.brandenburg.de.

1. 7. Information security

When processing in accordance with Art. 32 DS-GVO, we apply the latest state of technology for information security. We use protection mechanisms for computers, such as firewalls and data encryption. Physical access controls apply to our buildings and files and we oblige all employees to comply with the data protection principles.

1. 8. Cookies

The mobile app does not use any cookies.

1. 9. Social Media Plugins

We do not use social media plugins in the app.

1. 10. Social Media Links

In the app we hyperlink to Facebook, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and Twitter. When using these links, the respective data protection conditions of these social media providers apply, which can be viewed here under the following links: Facebook-und Facebook Messenger:

<https://www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/de/privacy> WhatsApp: <https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/>

1. 11. Analytical services

We do not use any analytical services in the app.

1. 12. Feedback

If you would like to contact us via the feedback function, we will use all personal data provided by you in your contact e-mail on the basis of Art. 6 Para. 1 lit. a DS-GVO to answer your questions, suggestions, etc. in the best possible way.

Remaining questions?

If you still have questions about the app, please contact out Miethke Support Team:

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We process the personal data transmitted during your contacting on the basis of Art. 6 Para. 1 lit. a DS-GVO in order to be able to answer your questions, comments, etc. As soon as your question is clarified, we delete the data from you again.

1. 13.Alternations

This Privacy Policy may be revised over time if legal requirements need to be implemented. The current data protection declaration applies in each case.

If you would like to save or print this privacy statement as a PDF file, please follow this link to our website: www.miethke.com/apps/hcandme/dataprotection.

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