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## IBD Support Australia Forum User Agreement

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### The brief version:

- Don't post anything that's false, misleading, illegal or just plain nasty
  - Copyrighted material may be posted under fair-use clause only, or with the express written consent of the copyright holder
- Don't spam
- For legal reasons, do not name or reveal any identifying information about any medical professionals on the forum under any circumstances, either in forum posts, or using the provided online chat.
- Don't register or post if you have any professional or commercial interests related to the topic material, without first contacting [admin@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:admin@ibdsupport.org.au)
- You are responsible for what you write. So, for all our sakes, obey the rules and don't make us take any action against you.
  - The forum administration also reserves the right to reveal your identity (or any other related information collected on this service) in the event of a formal complaint or legal action, including but not limited to a court order, arising from any situation caused by your use of this forum.
- We can't verify everything everyone posts, so please use common sense and always check with your regular medical professional before making any changes to your treatment or lifestyle
- If in doubt, please contact [moderators@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:moderators@ibdsupport.org.au) if you see something or before you do something that may be in breach of these rules

### For the lawyers:

1. **Appropriate and legal material only**

You agree, through your use of this forum, that you will not post any material which is false, defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy, adult material, or otherwise in violation of any International, Commonwealth, Australian Federal or State laws. You also agree not to post any copyrighted material unless you own the copyright or you have written consent from the owner of the copyrighted material. Spam, flooding, advertisements, chain letters, pyramid schemes, and solicitations are forbidden on this forum, without exception. If this clause is not adhered to, the administration team reserves the right to edit or delete posts, and will ban users that do not heed warnings.
2. **Identifying any medical professionals**

By registering, posting, or by otherwise using this forum, you agree not to name or post any identifying information about any medical professionals on the forum under any circumstances. This includes both recommending and defaming any medical professionals, as the legal repercussions under Australian law both for the poster and



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the administrators of this site can be quite severe, and can be damaging regardless of whether the claims are justified or can be proven in court. You also agree to adhere to this rule while using the official online chat. However, private messages are exempt from this clause as they are not published to any other users. If this clause is not adhered to, the administration team reserves the right to edit or delete posts, and will ban users that do not heed warnings.

**3. Professional or commercial interests**

By registering, posting, or by otherwise using this forum, you declare that your interests on this forum are solely of a personal, non-professional and non-commercial nature. If you have any commercial or professional interest relating to the subject matter discussed on this forum, you must contact forum administration by emailing [admin@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:admin@ibdsupport.org.au) prior to registration, and before participating in any relevant topics. Such an email should include pertinent information such as the nature of the professional or commercial interest, for example company name, contact phone number and details on what benefits the organisation, any related organisations and applicant may personally receive, as well as the potential benefits, both financial and non-financial, to members of the IBD Support Australia community, and the medical community as a whole. The forum administration may choose, at their sole discretion, whether or not to allow registration of any parties with a professional or commercial interest within the subject matter discussed on this forum, whether any restriction may be placed on the registering party, and whether this affiliation needs to be clearly indicated to the forum's members. A professional or commercial interest may include, but not be limited to; those who are representing or otherwise affiliated with pharmaceutical companies, medical research companies, medical doctors, medical schools or any medical education facility, any other medical practice including hospitals, clinical laboratories or medical radiology, and their suppliers or subsidiaries, including any employees and contractors thereof. If this clause is not adhered to, users may have their posts removed, their account and any future accounts from their organisation banned indefinitely, as well as complaints submitted to any relevant companies or authorities, including but not limited to the Therapeutic Goods Administration or the Australian Communications and Media Authority, solely at the discretion of the forum administration.

**4. Validity of posted material**

Note that it is impossible for the staff or the owners of this forum to confirm the validity of posts. Please remember that we do not actively monitor the posted messages, and as such, are not responsible for the content contained within. We do not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information presented. The posted messages express the views of the poster, and not necessarily the views of this forum, its staff, its subsidiaries, or this forum's owner. Any person(s) who feels that a posted message is objectionable are encouraged to notify an administrator or moderator of this forum immediately. The staff and the owner of this forum reserve the right to remove objectionable content, if they determine that removal is necessary. This is a manual process, however, please realise that the forum administration may not be able to remove or edit particular messages immediately. This policy is also applicable to member profile information. This forum should not be used in place of medical advice, and caution should be used when reviewing any material published



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**5. Responsibility for posted content**

You remain solely responsible for the content of your posted messages. Furthermore, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless the owners of this forum, any related websites to this forum, its staff, and its subsidiaries, to the fullest extent of the law. The forum administration also reserves the right to reveal your identity (or any other related information collected on this service) in the event of a formal complaint or legal action, including but not limited to a court order, arising from any situation caused by your use of this forum. The forum administration also reserves the right to deny requests for the removal of content, unless provided with a compelling legal request.

**6. Appropriateness and security of personal details**

You have the ability, as you register, to choose your username. We advise that you keep the name appropriate. With this user account you are about to register, you agree to never give your password out to another person, including any forum staff, for your protection and for validity reasons. A moderator or administrator will never ask you for your password, and you should never provide it to them in any form, or enter it in to a website at a location other than [ibdsupport.org.au](http://ibdsupport.org.au). In the event that your password needs to be changed, including in the case of it being forgotten, a link to do this will be sent to your email address on file, please ensure this address is kept current at all times. You also agree to never use another person's account for any reason, even with their permission. We highly recommend you use a complex and unique password for your account, to prevent account theft, and consider changing it regularly, especially if suspicion exists that your account may have been compromised. Please do not use a sensitive password, as it will be sent to this website unencrypted, and as such may be intercepted by a third party.

**7. Content in user profile**

After you register and login to this forum, you will be given the option to fill out a detailed profile page. Although you are not required to provide any information beyond that which is required in the registration process, if you choose to do so, it is your responsibility to present clean and accurate information only. Any information the forum administration determines to be inaccurate, indecent or vulgar in nature will be removed, with or without prior notice to the user. Appropriate sanctions may be applicable.

**8. Contact a moderator**

Should you need to contact a forum moderator about any content available on the site, please detail your concern using either the 'Report to moderator' link provided at the bottom of all posts on the forum where appropriate, or alternatively, email [moderators@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:moderators@ibdsupport.org.au) with a link to the material in question.



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9. **Compliance with this agreement**

If you are unsure about any portion of this agreement, please contact the administration at [moderators@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:moderators@ibdsupport.org.au) prior to completing your registration. Non-compliance with this agreement may result in posts being deleted, and in severe cases, accounts banned, solely at the discretion of the forum administration.

10. **Complaints** If you have a complaint about the conduct of any moderator, administrator or any user with a representative or official badge, please contact [admin@ibdsupport.org.au](mailto:admin@ibdsupport.org.au) directly without hesitation.