EAACI Social Media Disclaimer

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- respect European standards and legislation on confidentiality and privacy, human rights and freedom of expression, copyrights, and trademarks, including the use of the EAACI logo.

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The EAACI cannot guarantee that its social media accounts will function as expected in all circumstances. Sometimes disruptions or malfunctions are caused by technical or human errors. If errors are brought to EAACI attention, we will try to correct them in due time. Therefore, EAACI accepts no responsibility with regard to such problems incurred as a result of using social media accounts or any linked external sites. Due to potential error occurrence, EAACI disclaims any warranty of any kind, whether express or implied, as to any matter whatsoever relating to EAACI social media accounts. Under no circumstances, shall the EAACI be liable for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages arising out of reliance on any information contained in or related to EAACI accounts of social media services, networks or platforms.

EAACI states clearly that social media actions, such as ‘Like’, ‘Share’, ‘Reshare’ ‘Retweet’, are not an endorsement by the association “European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology”, and does not represent, support or guarantee the completeness, accuracy, timeliness, suitability or validity of any information contained. The EAACI social media accounts are following or have as connections/friends some other users/accounts of the same social networking service. However, being connected/friend/followed by an EAACI social media account does not imply endorsement of any kind. Moreover, EAACI social media accounts are not created or maintained for the physician-patient relationship.
The EAACI does not moderate/monitor all user content, every comment or posting, and does not reply individually to messages or comments received on any of its social media accounts. EAACI reserve the right to review, edit and/or delete any comments or messages considered inappropriate, inaccurate and/or not recommended, this content shall not be uploaded, posted or otherwise distributed or facilitated in distribution, therefore, once detected, it may be deleted or edited. Such unsuitable, inappropriate, inaccurate and/or not recommended issues include but are not limited to the following content:

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- having any illegal, unauthorized and misleading purpose; impersonates any person or entity; falsifies the origin or source of material contained in a content that is uploaded, posted or attached;
- which constitutes the selling or trading of any goods or services; initiate any controversial discussion about a particular company, brand name, healthcare provider or organization; knowingly infringes on any patent, trademark, copyright, or another proprietary right, unless owning or controlling the rights thereto or having received necessary consents;
- which constitutes unauthorized or unsolicited advertising, junk or bulk e-mail, or any form of lottery or gambling, involvement in marketing/pyramid schemes, chain letters or unsolicited or undesired electronic information (spam); containing software viruses or any other computer code/files/programs designed/intended to damage or limit the functioning of any software, hardware or communication equipments or to damage or obtain unauthorized access to any data.

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The use of online social networks by the EAACI does not imply endorsement of the social networking services and/or their privacy policy. Social networks software and platforms may occasionally be unavailable and the EAACI accepts no responsibility for downtime or interruption of services.

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- www.facebook.com/policy.php
- www.youtube.com/static?template=privacy_guidelines
- https://twitter.com/privacy?lang=en
- www.linkedin.com/legal/privacy-policy
- https://help.instagram.com/155833707900388

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