Terms of Use of the website of the Hospital District of Southwest Finland

General info

The VSSHP Communications Unit is responsible for maintaining the website of the Hospital District of Southwest Finland (VSSHP). The corresponding editor of the website is web editor-in-chief Harri Falck.

The VSSHP website is freely available to all Internet users. Free use includes browsing web pages in accordance with general practice and printing and saving them for normal use, subject to the restrictions below.

VSSHP publishes bulletins or announcements from third parties on its website only in exceptional cases for justified reasons by decision of the editor-in-chief. Confidential and/or patient information material will not be published on the website.

Copyright

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The operation of the pages and the accuracy of the content

VSSHP strives to keep the material on its websites up-to-date and accurate and to ensure the technical functionality of its online services. However, the pages may contain errors or the server may malfunction. Any content errors or technical issues found on the site are requested to be reported using the feedback form.
VSSHP reserves the right to make such changes to the content, operation, layout and structure of its websites as it deems necessary without prior notice.

**Cookies**

Traffic to VSSHP’s websites is monitored using Siteimprove. The application collects anonymous usage and visitor statistics using cookie technology. The information collected is used to improve the usability of the pages.

All information collected, such as users’ IP addresses, is anonymized. Thus, analytics data cannot be identified to a specific IP address or person.

The data we collect is not sold or passed on to third parties, and the data is not used for commercial purposes. Only VSSHP webmasters have access to the information. In addition to Siteimprove, the site does not use other cookies.

You may prohibit our site from installing Siteimprove cookies in the settings of the browser you are using.

The following cookies may be installed in your browser when using the VSSHP.fi website:

**Cookie name:** nmstat

**Cookie type:** Persistent – expires after 1000 days

**About:** This cookie is used to record a visitor's use of the website. The cookie is used to collect statistics, such as when a visitor last visited the site. This information is used to improve the user experience of the website. This cookie contains a randomly generated ID that is used to identify the browser when a visitor reads a page. The cookie does not contain any personal information and is only used for web analytics.

**Cookie name:** siteimproveses

**Cookie type:** Session cookie

**About:** This cookie is only used to track the path that a visitor creates when they visit the site. This information can be used to shorten page paths and allow visitors to find relevant information faster.
**Cookie name:** _cfduid
**Cookie type:** Persistent
**About:** _cfduid is a cookie set by the CloudFlare service to identify trusted network traffic. The cookie does not store any personal information. The _cfduid cookie helps CloudFlare detect malicious visitors to websites and minimizes the blocking of legitimate users.

**Cookie name:** AWSELB
**Cookie type:** Session cookie
**About:** The AWSELB cookie ensures that all pageviews for the same visit (user session) are sent to the same statistic. This allows us to determine the order of user page views needed to track behavior.

**Links**

Linking to the VSSHP website is permitted. This also applies to the so-called "in-depth links", i.e. links to subpages of websites, and bookmarks to be added to the browser. However, VSSHP does not warrant that the addresses of linked pages will remain unchanged in the future or that the pages will not be removed from the server.

VSSHP's websites use links to third-party websites to help visitors find additional information that may be of interest to them. VSSHP assumes no responsibility for the content of third-party websites referenced by links on its own websites. VSSHP is also unable to guarantee the functionality of the links. Broken links on the VSSHP website are requested to be reported using the [feedback form](#).

**Medical instructions and related material**

The VSSHP website publishes guidelines developed by VSSHP experts to support treatment, as well as information on health and disease issues. However, such information and guidance is not a substitute for personal care or guidance for patients. VSSHP assumes no responsibility for the consequences that may result from self-following such information and instructions. The patient is always cared for by the doctor treating him/her.

To ensure data protection, VSSHP's websites do not transmit personal information or documents used to treat patients.
Forms

VSSHP’s website uses the so-called web forms for communication towards VSSHP. The purposes of the forms include giving feedback on the website or VSSHP, sending questions to healthcare professionals, registering for training and other events, etc. Personal information collected through the forms will only be used for the purpose stated in the form and will not be passed on to third parties.

NOTE! Forms are sent using standard e-mail technology and the information is transmitted unsecured via an Internet connection. Therefore, VSSHP cannot guarantee full data protection for messages sent using forms, which is requested to be taken into account when composing messages.

Interpretation of the Terms of Use

The terms of use of VSSHP's websites are interpreted in accordance with Finnish law. If a user of the websites finds that the website violates Finnish law or good manners, please report it with a feedback form.

VSSHP reserves the right to change these terms of use.