

Curriculum Web Project – Use Study

We are conducting a use study of the Curriculum Web Project. This requires analysis of user activity logs. This study will not compromise user privacy or affect course performance or evaluations. If you are interested in learning more about this study and your rights regarding it, please read the linked Consent Document.

CONSENT DOCUMENT

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDY, CONTACT:

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DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this study is to examine the usage of our Curriculum Web Project (CWP) in an ongoing standardized way. The CWP supports all of the preclinical and some clinical medical school courses on the web. This data will be used to evaluate the usefulness of the tools provided as well as for sharing with the educational community through talks and publications.

We will analyze the web server logs which are standard web server files that track what actions users perform while at a particular web site including moving from page to page, selecting various tools, performing quizzes etc.

RISKS AND BENEFITS: There are no foreseeable risks associated with this study. Your participation or non-participation in this project will not affect your course grades in any way. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to result from this study is that educational software designers will receive valuable feedback on the most effective designs for web-based learning materials. This feedback will help them design more effective websites for medical education.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: There is no additional time involvement other than your normal use of the CWP website.

PAYMENTS: You will not receive payment of any kind.

SUBJECT'S RIGHTS: You have the right to contact us and ask that your tracking data not be included in any analysis without penalty. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study. Your participation or non-participation in this project will not affect your grades in any way.

If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, or are dissatisfied at any time with any aspect of this study, you may contact - anonymously, if you wish - the Human Subjects Office, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-5401 (or by phone (650) 723-4697 - you may call collect.)

You may print out this form for your records.