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International Adhesions Society Terms and Conditions

We are delighted to see that our web site has grown tremendously in the last few years. With this growth, comes a number of challenges and opportunities about how our site is used by individual patients, members of the medical community and the medical industry.

In order to ensure that visitors to our site enjoy their time with us, it is now necessary to implement some rules about how our web site, and the information it contains, is to be used. We have modeled these rules on those established by leading and well known web sites as well as the recommendations of the "Health on the Net Foundation" http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Conduct.html

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Links

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Other sites may link to any of the Sites only through a plain-text link. Permission must be granted by us for any other type of link to the Sites. To seek our permission, you may write to Synechion, Inc., 6757 Arapaho Road, Suite 711-238, Dallas, TX 75248, or email us at: Synechion@aol.com

We reserve the right, however, to rescind any permission granted by us to link through a plain-text link or any other type of link, and to require termination of any such link to any of the Sites, at our discretion at any time.

A Word to Medical Companies, Drug Companies and Suppliers, and Medical Professionals

We appreciate your visiting our site and hope that we have provided you with useful information about adhesions. We are very much interested in presenting information about products or services that will benefit our visitors. We therefore ask that you contact us to discuss advertising and sponsorship opportunities as well using some of the content from our site for your commercial purposes.

Unfortunately there have been a number of cases of abuse of not only the content of our site, but also of exploitation of our visitors. In most cases it seems that the perpetrators have been well-meaning but over-zealous sales people trying to promote products by sending messages to email addresses harvested from our site. In other cases, patients have been offered sums of money to help promote products or services (money that was in some cases never paid as promised).

In still other instances, companies have deliberately attempted to circumvent the IAS for their own purposes. However well-meaning (or not), we must point out to you that these activities are highly unethical, and in some cases illegal. If this site has value to you, then we ask that you recognize it by offering your financial support so that we may continue to help the thousands of visitors that we see every month.

A Word to Patients who are contacted directly by Medical Companies, Drug Companies and Suppliers, and Medical Professionals

In this regard (see previous section), if you are contacted by anyone with a product or service to sell, PLEASE report this to us immediately. Please make sure you get as many details as possible (name of person, name of company, contact address and phone number, date, content of communication etc.). Please forward any emails or printed materials to us. It goes without saying that you should exercise extreme caution in disclosing to anyone any personal details.

Submissions

We welcome your comments and suggestions about any of the Sites and their projects, either by email or by posting somewhere on our Sites. However, we will not review or consider any unsolicited creative submissions. We hope you will understand that this policy is intended to avoid the possibility of future misunderstandings in the event that projects developed by us might seem to others to be similar to their own creative work. Accordingly, we must ask that you not send us any original creative ideas or materials. If, despite our request, you send us any creative idea or material ("Submission"), it shall become our property.

No Submission will be subject to any obligation of confidence by us, and we will not be liable for any use or disclosure of any Submission. We will exclusively own all known or later-existing rights to the Submission worldwide, and will be entitled to the unrestricted use of the Submission for any purpose, without compensation to the provider of the Submission.

You agree that you will not upload or transmit any communications or content of any type that infringe or violate any rights of any party. By submitting communications or content to any part of this Site, you agree that such submission is non-confidential for all purposes. If you make any such upload or transmission, you automatically grant--or warrant that the owner of such content has expressly granted—Synechion, Inc., a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, world-wide nonexclusive license to use, reproduce, create derivative works from, modify, publish, edit, translate, distribute, perform, and display the communication or content in any media or medium, or any form, format, or forum now known or hereafter developed. Synechion, Inc. may sublicense its rights through multiple tiers of sublicenses.

Forums

A "forum" means any message board, chat room, user review forum or other interactive service appearing on any of the Sites and includes both public boards and private folders. You must register in accordance with instructions that you will find on the Sites in order to contribute to any forum.

In summary, you should know the following about the use of the forums:

- 1. Our forums are moderated by paid employees as well as volunteers who review each message prior to posting. There may be a delay of several days from the time of posting to allow for review of each message so we appreciate your patience. In the interim, you will still see messages in the daily digest and individual versions if you would like to sign up for those.
- 2. All users are by default considered as non-medical professionals and that nothing posted should be construed as medical advice. If you are going to act on anything that is posted, you should verify the information from independent reliable sources and ALWAYS consult a qualified medical professional.
- 3. Forum users and moderators must at all times behave with a respectful and honest manner. Read the details below about how the moderators intervene in the users' activities, how forum users are warned, and if necessary, prohibited from posting to the forum.
- 4. Please consider VERY CAREFULLY before posting any information that will allow others to identify you, such as your **name**, **email address**, **phone number etc.**, as once your post this information it will be available to anyone that has access to the Internet and you will not be able to erase or modify the post.

- 5. We request that if you are going to post health/medical information when it is not personal experience (symptom, test, treatment etc. that the person or a close family member has undergone himself/herself) or general knowledge you should provide sources (references, links) whenever relevant and possible.
- Please review our <u>Editorial</u> and <u>Advertising</u> Policies for details of possible Conflicts of Interest.
- 7. Your use of our Message Board and other Forums signifies your acceptance of these terms as explained here and in more detail below

If you use a forum, you are solely responsible for your own communications, the consequences of posting those communications, and your reliance on any communications found in the Public Areas. We are not responsible for the consequences of any communications in the Public Areas. In cases where you feel threatened or believe someone else is in danger, you should contact your local law enforcement agency immediately. If you think you may have a medical emergency, please call your doctor or 911 immediately.

In consideration of being allowed to use forums or Sites in general, you agree you will have materially breached these Terms and Conditions if:

- 1. You use the Sites or forums for any purpose in violation of local, state, national, or international laws;
- 2. You post material that infringes on the intellectual or other property rights of others (this means that you must have copyright ownership of all material that you post on our Sites. No articles, recipes, song lyrics, art or graphics may be posted without the express written consent of the copyright holder.
- 3. You post material that infringes on the privacy or publicity rights of others; (this means the posting of someone's phone numbers, addresses, social security numbers or any other private information
- 4. You post or send to any other forum user or our employee material that is unlawful, obscene, vulgar, defamatory, threatening, harassing, abusive, slanderous, libelous, defamatory, hateful, racist, or embarrassing to any other person or entity as determined by us at our sole discretion;
- 5. You post material known to be false.
- 6. You use the Sites for commercial purposes, by soliciting for business; or advertising goods or services;
- 7. You post solicitations for funds. Unfortunately, it is impossible to verify the validity of each and every organization that solicits donations; therefore in

an effort to protect our visitors from fraud we must prohibit solicitations for charities.

- 8. You use a forum to promote another web site. One time posts to links where information useful to our visitors is acceptable, but repeated postings containing references, solicitations or links to other sites (including their subsidiary pages) is not permitted. Postings of this nature made by owners of other sites or their agents will be deemed to have granted us a perpetual royalty-free and worldwide license to any or all of the content of that site.
- After receiving a warning, you continue to disrupt the normal flow of dialogue, or post comments that are not related to the topic being discussed (unless it is clear the discussion is free-form);
- 10. You post chain letters, pyramid schemes or stock touts;
- 11. You impersonate another person;
- 12. You distribute viruses or other harmful computer code;
- 13. You harvest or otherwise collect information about others, including email addresses, without their consent:
- 14. You allow any other person or entity to use your identification for posting or viewing comments;
- 15. You post the same note more than once or "spamming"; or
- 16. You engage in any other conduct that restricts or inhibits any other person from using or enjoying the forum of the Sites, or which, in our judgment, exposes us or any of our customers or suppliers to any liability or detriment of any type.
- 17. If you have an idea for a project that will be benefit to our visitors and is consisted with the objectives of our web site, please contact us before posting it on the site.
- 18. You participate at your own risk on the Sites, its forums and email. You take responsibility for postings under your identification and use the information provided here at your own risk. We take no responsibility for the content or opinions posted here.

We reserve the right (but are not obligated) to do any or all of the following:

1. Record the dialogue in public chat rooms.

- Investigate an allegation that a communication(s) do(es) not conform to the terms of this section and determine in its sole discretion to remove or request the removal of the communication(s).
- 3. Remove communications which are abusive, illegal, or disruptive, or that otherwise fail to conform to these Terms and Conditions.
- 4. Terminate a user's access to any or all forums and/or the Sites upon any breach of these Terms and Conditions.
- 5. Monitor, edit, or disclose any communication in the forums.
- 6. Edit or delete any communication(s) posted on the Sites, regardless of whether such communication(s) violate these standards.
- 7. Notify law enforcement officials regarding any postings that may be construed as stalking

We reserve the right to take any action it deems necessary to protect the personal safety of our guests or the public. We have no liability or responsibility to users of the Sites or any other person or entity for performance or nonperformance of the aforementioned activities.

We are not responsible for material appearing in any forum on the Sites, except for material signed by one of our identified representatives. We are not responsible for screening material posted by users for libel, obscenity, invasion of privacy, copyright or trademark infringement, accuracy, or for any other reason. We retain, however, the right to modify or remove messages or other material that we, in our sole discretion, consider infringing, offensive, abusive, defamatory, obscene, stale, or otherwise unacceptable.

We also reserve the right to edit materials for any other reason. Whether or not we modify or remove such material, users remain solely responsible for the content of their messages or postings. By posting on the Sites, you grant (or warrant that the owner of such rights has expressly granted) us and/or relevant affiliated companies the worldwide, perpetual, nonexclusive right to use your questions, comments, and postings, in their original or edited form, in television programs, books, articles, commentaries, or in any other medium now known or later developed. You also warrant that you own or otherwise control all of the rights to the content you have posted and that the public posting and use of such content by us will not infringe the rights of any third party. Additionally, you warrant that any "moral rights" in posted materials have been waived. You are not entitled to any compensation for any materials you may post on the Sites.

Although individual information posted on our Site by its visitors may still belong to an individual, any collective aggregate of information posted is considered by us to be protected under copyright laws.

We may, at our discretion, suspend or terminate the registration of any forum user who violates any of these terms and conditions of use, any of the member guidelines or for any other behavior that we in our discretion believe is inappropriate.

All Questions and Answers to the Forum should be presented in a medical, supportive, and/or personal life experience format.

The Sites are not places for **JOKES**. Humorous or funny personal anecdotes relevant to the topic of the post are not **JOKES** and are fine, but canned jokes **DO NOT** belong on the Sites. Please remember, what is funny to one person might be offensive to another.

Please do not use the words Help, Worried, Urgent, etc. in Subject Line. Each post is important to each of the senders and those words only encourage EVERY post to begin with Urgent, thus defeating the purpose of trying to get an answer. A far more effective method is to state the nature of your post in the subject heading.

Please remember, the Sites **ARE NOT** Debating Forums; so therefore we must insist that people with a strong difference of opinion do not slam, flame, bait, insinuate, or "name/names" in postings. We are all entitled to our own and different opinions. The Sites are not places for Debate on treatments, personal lifestyle decisions, or moral or religious judgments.

Sharing information about products or services is encouraged. Commercial mass sales and marketing posts are snot acceptable.

PLEASE search the archives for your answer first before asking a question. Do not send encoded documents to the list. ASCII text only, please. Absolutely **NO** profanity will be tolerated

WARNING:

This forum is international and freely available to anyone with access to a computer. For your own protection, consider this in posting to the list.

Copyright Complaints

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We may, at our discretion, require users under 18 to obtain the consent of a parent or guardian to view certain content, and we may limit access to certain content to users above a specified age. You agree to abide by any such restrictions, and not to help anyone avoid these restrictions.

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This agreement may be modified only by our posting of changes to these terms and conditions, or by a writing signed by both parties. Any inquiries concerning these terms and conditions of use should be directed to Synechion@aol.com

INDEMNITY.

You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold Synechion or the IAS, its officers, directors, employees, agents, licensors, and suppliers, harmless from and against any claims, actions or demands, liabilities and settlements including without limitation, reasonable legal and accounting fees, resulting from, or alleged to result from, your violation of these Terms and Conditions.

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Privacy Policy

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Mailing List

The IAS maintains several mailing lists, for both print and email purposes. This information is kept confidential and not sold, rented or leased to third party individuals. If at any time you receive information from an individual stating that IAS provided your name, please contact if you are concerned over the validity of the contact.

Message Board

The IAS Message Board is provided for members and visitors to ask questions and provide support. You are not required to sign-up to access the Message Board on our website; however, you are asked for your email address and name before posting. To receive daily or digest versions of the Message Board items, you must provide your name (or nickname) and a valid email address. Your email address is available for outside individuals or third parties to send correspondence to you. If you are receiving unsolicited emails or other correspondence, please contact us immediately so that we can attempt to remedy the situation. See our Message Board policy for more information.

Chat Room

Currently, the Chat Rooms located on the IAS website are linked to other sites. Please visit these sites to view their privacy policy.

Links

The IAS provides related and informative links for visitors to other websites. These links are for information only and the IAS is not responsible for the privacy of the websites that the IAS provides links to. Please check with each website for their privacy policy information.

Surveys

The IAS will have surveys from time to time on the website for your voluntary participation. You understand that we may use this information but that individual identifying information (name, address, email address) will not be published, but masked or aggregated with other information.

Third Parties

The IAS does not sell, rent, lease or otherwise knowingly provide personal information (names, locations, email, etc.) to vendors, suppliers or other

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Browser Information

The IAS website analyzes website logs to assist with improving the value and scope of information available on the website. This information is not personally identifiable and we make no attempts to link the information with an individual. This information is kept confidential.

Cookies

A piece of information that is temporarily stored on your computer to allow the user to return to a recently visitor page without searching. It is not necessary to have the cookies feature active to view our website. However, your computer may automatically store cookies - please check your individual computer setup.

Medical Information

We do not sell, lease, or rent personal medical information between our members, visitors or third parties. We reserve the right to forward your information to a support coordinator when requests are made for support.

Notification of Changes

Changes to our Privacy Policy will be made available via posting on our website, message board and possibly email.

Exceptions

We have the following exceptions to these policies: We will release specific information about you or your account to comply with any valid legal inquiry or

process such as a search warrant, subpoena, statute or court order. We will also release specific information in special cases, such as if there is an attempted breach of the security of the Sites, or a physical or property threat to you or others. We may also transfer user information, including personally identifiable information, in connection with a corporate merger, consolidation, the sale of related assets or corporate division or other fundamental corporate change.

Please note that if you give out personal information online -- for example, on one of our public forums such as a message board or chat room, folder, chat IM feature -- that information can be collected and used by third parties. Although we strive to protect our users' privacy, we cannot guarantee the security of information you post in these forums. You disclose such information at your own risk. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your information and password, if applicable. You shall be responsible for all uses of your registration, whether or not authorized by you. You agree to immediately notify us of any unauthorized use of your registration or password.

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