

Information Use Policy

INTRODUCTION

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- f. **Organization**: a corporate entity, academic institution or government agency accessing and using CAS Information with the permission of CAS through a valid license or other express written grant of right by CAS.
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