

# How to Use the Anonymize Function

Protecting sensitive medical data and the identity of a biopsy's owner is not only ethical/polite, it is a legal responsibility.

Many of our software have features to hide potentially identifying information a slide may contain, such as by [hiding the barcode when sharing slides on My Pathomation](#), or [hiding labels and replacing filenames with Captions in Pathotrainer](#).

However, the best and safest practice with personally identifiable information is ***“if you don't need it, don't upload it in the first place”***

That's where the Anonymize tab in our free desktop viewer [PMA.start](#) comes in.

Simply go to the to tab, select the slides you want to anonymize, and run the program. It's done in seconds.

Check out the full guide in the video below:

[pmastart\\_anonymize.mp4](#)

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