Animal Research @ Emory

Ask RCRA
April 18, 2024

Esmeralda Meyer
IACUC Director
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Oversight and continuing review of the University Animal Care Program including the following:

- Review and approval of **animal care and use protocols** and subsequent revisions
- Semiannual **site inspection** of animal housing and use areas
- Semiannual **program reviews**
- Investigation and review of reports related to animal welfare
- Regulatory **reporting** to institutional and federal agencies

The IACUC reports directly to the Institutional Official
External Oversight of Animal Activities

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC)

- Collaborative agreements
- Interinstitutional Assurance
Internal Oversight of Animal Activities

Policies
- Standard procedures

Approved protocol

Principal Investigators & Research Teams
- Michael J. Huerkamp, DVM, DACLAM Director, Division of Animal Resources Attending Veterinarian
- Joyce Cohen, VMD, DACLAM Associate Director, Animal Resources Emory National Primate Research Center Attending Veterinarian
- IACUC members through the Semiannual Report to the IO and directly

- Gregory Fereis
  President, Emory University
  Chief Executive Officer
- Ravi V. Bellamkonda, PhD
  Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Deborah W. Bruner, RN, PhD, FAAAA
  Senior Vice President for Research (SVPR)
- Robert Nobles, DvPh, MPH, CIP
  Vice President for Research Administration (VPR)
  Office of Research Administration institutional Official
- Deepika Bhatia, MSBE, CCRP, CHRC, CHPC, CCEP
  Assoc. Vice President for Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

- Jeffrey Boatright, PhD, FAPCO
  Chair, IACUC
  - Scientists
  - Veterinarians
  - Community Members
  - Non-scientists
  - Ad Hoc

- Esmerelda Meyer, Director, IACUC Office
  - Plus 8 FTE Compliance Staff
  - Diana Weiss
    Research Integrity Manager
  - Carmen Nash
    Sr. Research Protocol Analyst
  - Jonathan Adams
    Research Protocol Analyst
  - Jessica Goldman
    Sr. Research Protocol Analyst
  - Ayanesh Shiferaw
    Research Protocol Analyst
  - Surinder Gill
    Research Protocol Analyst
  - Vidal Leon
    Research Protocol Analyst
  - Ruel Morant
    RCRA Analyst - Training and OHS Audit
**IACUC Office Responsibilities**

**IACUC**
- Manage protocol review
- Complete Grant-to-Protocol congruency
- Coordinate site inspections and program reviews.
- Coordinate investigation of adverse events.
- Verify training and OHS requirements

**Research Teams**
- Communicate with PI and researchers regarding protocol review.
- Preparation of MOUs and Institutional Assurances
- Communication with IACUC counterparts in collaborating institutions

**Compliance**
- Internal and external reporting
- Recordkeeping
- Ensure functions of the IACUC are in line with approved PHS Animal Welfare Assurance
- Process improvement
- Quality Assurance
Resources available to PIs and Research Teams

Website: https://rcra.emory.edu/iacuc/index.html
Wiki site: https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/eIACUC

Office Staff (iacuc@emory.edu)

- Protocol analysts
- Research integrity
- Training and OHS

eIACUC Software Solution for protocol and program management
Contact the IACUC Office

Protocol Analysts:
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Research Compliance
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Training and Annual OHS Screening
Ruel Morant - (rmorant@emory.edu)

Director:
Esmeralda Meyer (evargas@emory.edu)
### Biomedical Research Awareness Day

**Event Details:**
- **Date:** Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024
- **Time:** 11 AM - 2 PM
- **Location:** Asbury Circle, Emory Campus

**Activities:**
- Free games, food, & prizes!
- Come learn about biomedical research, animal models, and science happening right here at Emory!

**Slogan:** Biomedical research saves lives.

**Contact:**
- FaceBook: @BioMedResearchDay
- Twitter: @BRAD_Global
- Website: @AMP_BRAD

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**Event Details:**
- **Date:** Monday, May 22, 2023
- **Time:** 11 AM - 2 PM
- **Location:** Field Station

**Slogan:** Games, prizes, food!

**Questions to Consider:**
- What do you do for work?
- If that is a scary question, then you are invited!

**Event Description:**
- Biomedical Research Awareness Day
- Come get ideas on how to talk to friends and family about animal research!
- Learn how to be an advocate for the animal heroes and the important work they do!

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