THE DETAILS...

- Most frequent findings by AAALAC
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AAALAC= Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International
Periodic Findings Review

All SFI & Mandatory Findings

- Animal Environment
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Oversight Body/ IACUC
- Veterinary Care
- Administrative Components
- HVAC & Physical Plant
- Institutional Administration

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### SUMMARY OF EMORY’S LAST AAALAC RE-ACCREDITATION IN 2020

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| Mandatory | Cage wash door egress and personnel safety training  
Doors on rack washers required strenuous effort to open |
| Mandatory | Performance of HVAC system for a specific location where animals were used in a facility was not provided |
| SF1 | Veterinary treatment of ailing animals was provided by investigators without the knowledge or oversight of the veterinary staff. |
| SF1 | Individual in a job position not expected to have animal contact did not have access to an OHSP |
| SF1 | There was a water fountain within the confines of an animal research facility |
| SF1 | Autoclaves on laboratory floors and outside the purview of the DAR program were used to sterilize instruments for rodent aseptic surgery procedures, but were not in a regular program of sterilization validation. |
| SF1 | Red coating on rack washer internal de-energizing mechanism was faded |
| SF1 | Program for sanitation of rodent cage lid and feeder allowed for up to a year interval between washing |
WHAT RESEARCH TEAMS AND ANIMAL CARE STAFF CAN DO TO PREPARE

- Are you receiving the monthly newsletters from the IACUC Office? (iacuc@emory.edu)
- Review the updated policies (https://rcra.emory.edu/iacuc/forms.html)
- Familiarize with amendments made to the IACUC protocol that you are following
- Is the documentation related to your research with animals fully completed? (i.e. surgery logs, post-operative logs, pink/yellow cards, drug logs, sanitation logs)
- Do you know your facility veterinarian? How do you contact the veterinary care staff?
- Have you completed the training needed for the procedures that you are conducting?
- Have you completed your annual OHS screening questionnaire? https://rcra.emory.edu/iacuc/ohs.html
- Continue to attend the IACUC Office virtual sessions related to AAALAC re-accreditation