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## THE DETAILS...

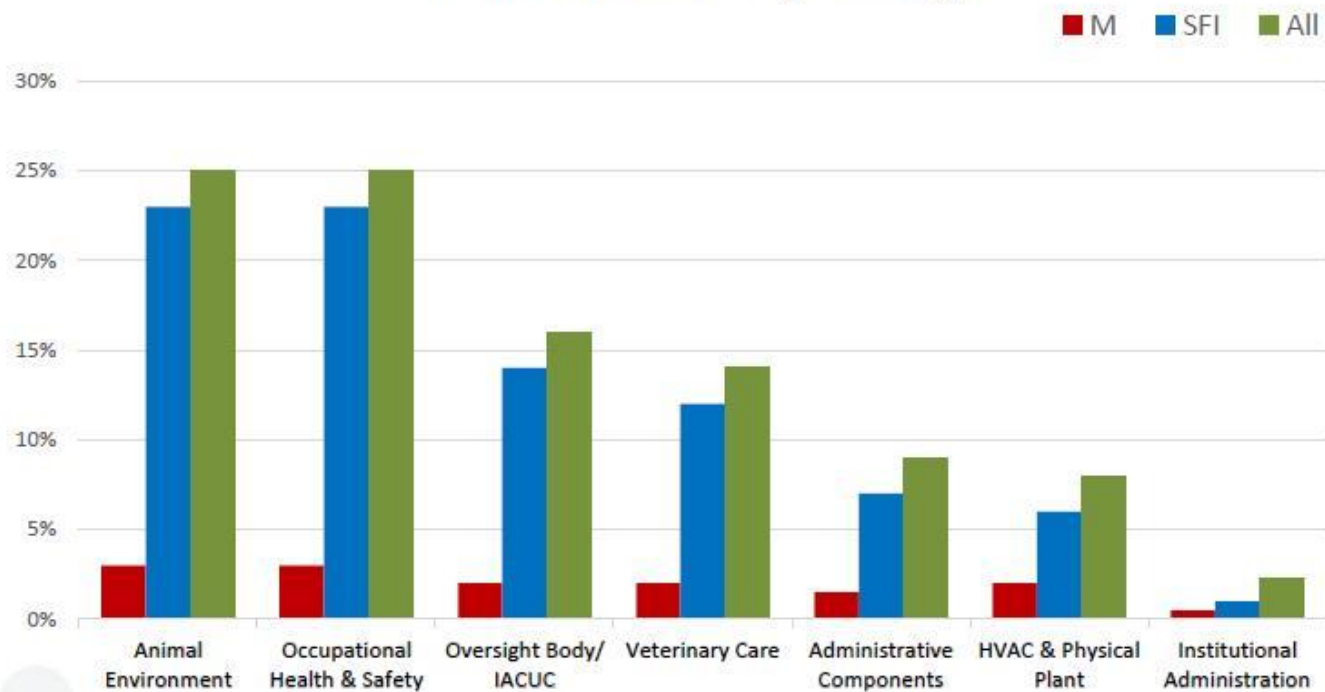
- Most frequent findings by AAALAC
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AAALAC= Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International



# Periodic Findings Review

All SFI & Mandatory Findings



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

Category	Findings
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
SFI	Veterinary treatment of ailing animals was provided by investigators without the knowledge or oversight of the veterinary staff.
SFI	Individual in a job position not expected to have animal contact did not have access to an OHSP
SFI	There was a water fountain within the confines of an animal research facility
SFI	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.
SFI	Red coating on rack washer internal de-energizing mechanism was faded
SFI	Program for sanitation of rodent cage lid and feeder allowed for up to a year interval between washing

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## WHAT RESEARCH TEAMS AND ANIMAL CARE STAFF CAN DO TO PREPARE

- Are you receiving the monthly newsletters from the IACUC Office? ([iacuc@emory.edu](mailto: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