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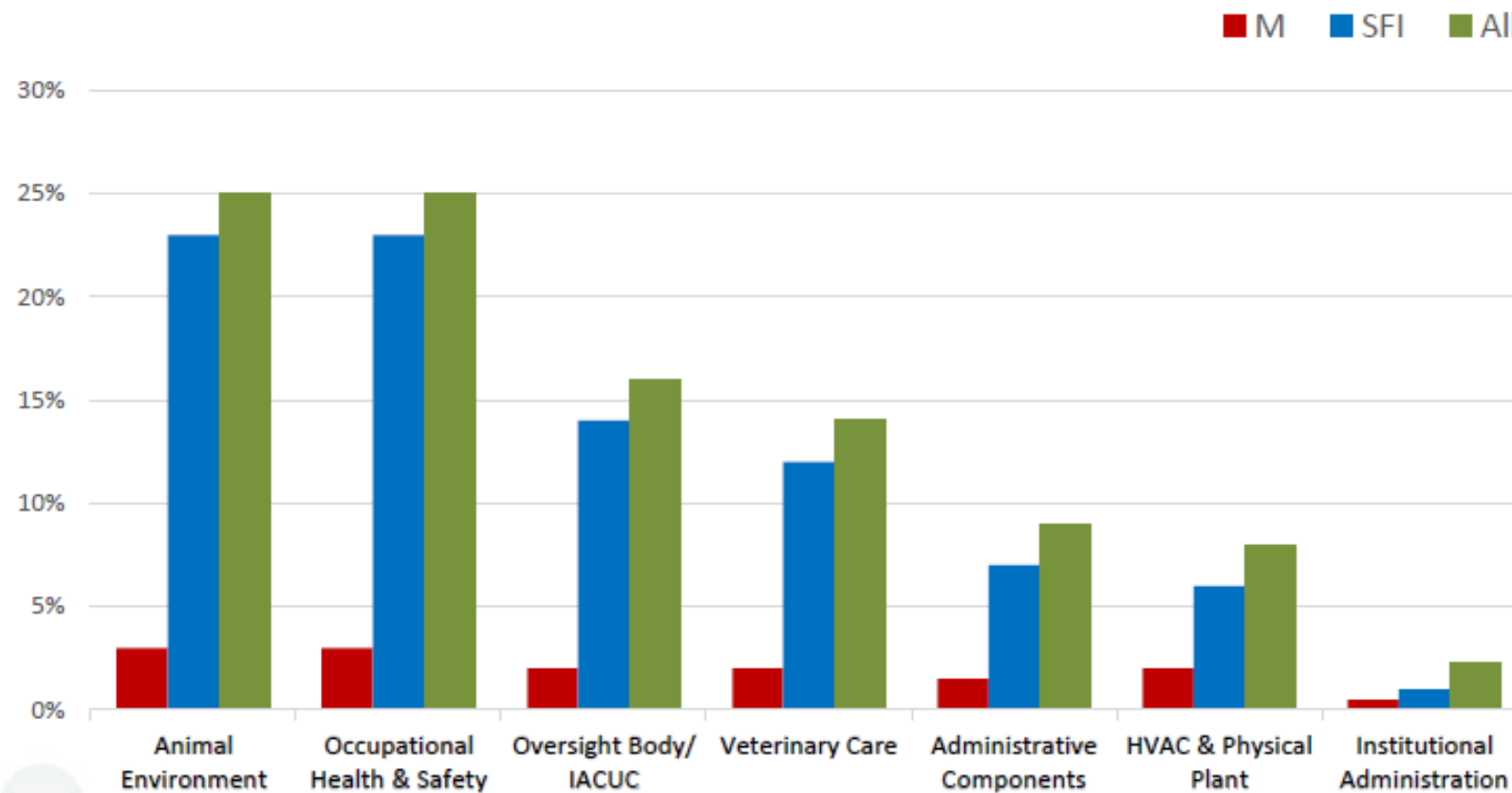
- Most frequent findings by AAALAC
- Summary of Emory's findings during the last AAALAC re-accreditation in 2020
- What research teams and animal care staff can do to prepare

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



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>)
- IACUC Protocol
 - Familiarize with amendments made to the IACUC protocol that you are following
 - Can you access the IACUC protocol?
- 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>

HAVE YOU SEEN THE EU DAR CHECKLIST?

AAALAC International Site Visit at Emory University, 2023

The AAALAC International site visit of the animal care and use program at Emory University will be conducted by a team of peers during the first third of 2023. While much of the focus will be on DAR and IACUC, laboratories will be visited as well, particularly those where surgery and other experimental procedures are done on animals or where animals are held.

AAALAC International was founded in 1966 as a private organization providing peer review of research programs using animal models. Emory University has been continuously accredited by AAALAC dating to 1992. The value of accreditation is in providing assurance both internally, to our scientists and the administration, as well as externally, to the public and funding sources, that Emory meets the highest standards of the care and research use of animals.

Here are tips to facilitate a successful site visit outcome for Emory:

- Review your **IACUC-approved protocol** to ensure familiarity with the experiments and all associated procedures.
 - Confirm that your role and/or procedure assignment is current and completion of training required as indicated in the [Education and Training Policy](#). If you need any training or refreshers, please contact us by emailing dartrn@emory.edu

https://rcra.emory.edu/_includes/documents/newsletter-docs/aaalac_visit_info.pdf

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE IACUC ALERTS?

[Drug Alert for Injectable substances used in animals with limited number of punctures and expiration date](#)

[Drug Alert - Bacteriostatic injectable water may have a 28-day use limit - January 2023](#)

[Exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water](#)

DO YOU DO CO₂ EUTHANASIA OUTSIDE EU DAR?

- Is the space approved by the IACUC?
- Is the space listed in your IACUC protocol?
- Do you have the SOP for CO₂ Euthanasia filled up and posted?
 - [Template for using flowmeters during CO₂ Euthanasia](#)

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