



## April 2023 IACUC Newsletter

### Updated Policies

The following IACUC Policies have been updated. Please ensure that your research team reviews these updated policies as applicable.

The [Tumor Burden Scoring Policy](#) was updated on 3/15/2023: This update includes new recordkeeping requirements, new scoring scales, and resources for scoring tumor burden.

The [Humane Endpoints](#) Policy was updated on 4/5/2023: This update includes body condition scoring, use of pilot studies to help define endpoints, parameters to be included when scientific rationale for including death as an endpoint, examples for scoring murine sepsis models

The [Expired Materials](#) Policy was updated on 4/5/2023. This update provides examples for labeling expired materials.

Join us on **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, noon-1 pm for a hybrid Lunch & Learn** to answer your questions related to the **Tumor Burden Scoring** Policy. Register here:

[https://emory.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvcentqjwoGdTe6urjk5iRR\\_azrNAhdOD](https://emory.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvcentqjwoGdTe6urjk5iRR_azrNAhdOD). Submit your question/s when you register for this event for a chance to win a goodie bag. This will be a hybrid event. We will have pizza (BYOD) for those attending in person at 1599 Clifton Road Conference Room 5A (alternative location will be available if we exceed capacity).

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### 2023 OHS screening

There is an OHS requirement for all animal users at Emory University. This screening questionnaire must be completed at least annually by all users of animals at Emory University.

**EPC Personnel:** The EPC Safety Office will let you know when you need to schedule your next OHS screening.

#### **School of Medicine and Emory College of Arts and Sciences:**

1. Sign up through ELMS (Course 300000). See instructions here:  
[https://rcra.emory.edu/includes/documents/sections/iacuc/ohs/new\\_researcher\\_ohs\\_sign-up\\_instructions.pdf](https://rcra.emory.edu/includes/documents/sections/iacuc/ohs/new_researcher_ohs_sign-up_instructions.pdf)
2. Individuals who have completed the EH Animal Questionnaire in HOME will receive a reminder email 60 days prior to their due date to complete the questionnaire in HOME. The email will be sent from [noreplywebchart@med-web.com](mailto:noreplywebchart@med-web.com). [Go to the HR website> Self-Service Log IN> Workplace Health>HOME> and complete the EH Animal Questionnaire](#)
3. Undergraduates and individuals with sponsored accounts please send email to [IACUC@emory.edu](mailto:IACUC@emory.edu)

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### Surgeon in Training role

The [Education and Training \(PDF\)](#) policy was revised in 2022. One of the changes to this IACUC policy was the removal of the *Surgeon in Training* role for research team members. If you are listed as *Surgeon in Training*, please reach out to your PI/proxy so they can submit a protocol amendment to update your role.

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### Ask RCRA is Thursday April 20th, 12pm-1pm

The Office of Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (RCRA) is delighted to invite you to our monthly "Ask RCRA" community forum!

To receive a link to the meeting, please register in advance for this webinar:

**Registration:** [https://emory.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gZK1sYOHSPCEtfJR5DuwYQ](https://emory.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gZK1sYOHSPCEtfJR5DuwYQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## Protocol Submission Reminders

The IACUC Committee meets on **the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month**. Deadlines for FCR review are the Wednesday one week PRIOR to the meeting date for the agenda to be disseminated to members. DMR reviews are rolling submissions and do not have a “deadline”.

### **For Act-species -New submissions and Triennial reviews, Amendments to add procedures involving pain and distress:**

- Review that the Alternatives Search section is completed, specifically for procedures including unrelieved pain and distress. Key words should include, minimally, the name of the procedure. Review the answers provided for the unique Animal Justification questions: why using animals at all (Q3), why using that species (Q5), and why requesting that number of animals.
- Two documents were prepared for the IACUC reviewers, which can also provide relevant information to the researchers.
  - [Brief on Alternatives Searches](#)
  - [Brief on Justification for Using Animals and using "the" Species of Animals](#)

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## Resources for Researchers

The following resources are available on the IACUC website or in the IACUC SharePoint site

### **Protocol & Procedures**

- [IACUC Protocol New Submission Checklist and Guidance](#)
- [EXAMPLE - Completion of one Team Substance Administration Procedure per Protocol](#) (SharePoint - Log in with your Emory ID and Password)
- [EXAMPLE - Completion of one Team Substance Administration Procedure per Experiment](#) (SharePoint - Log in with your Emory ID and Password)
- EU DAR [Template for using flowmeters during CO2 Euthanasia](#)

### **Use of Substances**

- [Using Buprenorphine HCl and Buprenorphine SR in Mice and Rats](#)
- [Drug Alert for Injectable substances used in animals with limited number of punctures and expiration date](#)
- [Exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water](#)

### **Training**

- [EU DAR Education and Training Requirements Checklist](#)
- [EPC Education and Training Requirements Checklist](#)
- **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** [EU DAR Job Aid for Open-Drop Isoflurane Overdose \(euthanasia\) in Rodents](#) **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

