May 2023 IACUC Newsletter - Update

Updated Policies

The following IACUC policies were updated this month.

Policy 309: Identification and Genotyping Methods changes include when is toe-clipping allowed, removal of ethyl-chloride spray, changes to the Genotyping/ Identification Summary Chart

Policy 313 Sanitation of Research Equipment Used with Animals: a clarification has been added to Attachment 1 – General Sanitization Procedures

Policy 354 Education and Training: AALAS training requirement **Inhalation Anesthesia Systems for Rodents** for researchers performing **survival procedures in rodents.** This is a **ONE-TIME** requirement; thus, you do not need to complete it again if you have already done the training in AALAS.

Policy 305 Animal Housing and/or Study Areas

Click LINK TO QUIZ FORM to participate in the monthly IACUC Policy Quiz for a chance to win a goodie bag.

Updated Guidance for submission and review of new and triennial protocols

The *IACUC Working Group for Consistency* generated this Guidance Document for investigators, reviewers, and the IACUC Office when working on new and/or triennial submissions. In this Guidance document you will find:

- Tips and examples for answering questions that are often tagged by the reviewers
- Screenshots to demonstrate where information may be found
- Links to resources such as the DAR QA Testing policy, examples for completing a Substance Administration Procedure
- Find the Guidance document on the IACUC website> Researchers Tools>Protocol: **IACUC Protocol Submission Guidance and Key Information for New and Triennial Reviews**

List of IACUC-approved Standard Procedures

The IACUC Office has compiled a searchable file for users to find IACUC-approved Standard Procedures (SP) in the system. The list of Standard Procedures can be found on the eIACUC Wiki page, and the name of the SP is hyperlinked to eIACUC. Click here to go to the site.

Are you listed as "Surgeon in Training"?

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.*

Are you a User of Animals in Cancer Research?

This is a reminder that 6/1/2023 marks the beginning of **Phase 2** for implementation of the updated Emory IACUC **Tumor Burden Scoring** policy. During Phase 2, or soft enforcement, researchers will be asked to provide the monitoring logs during site inspections. If there are findings, these will be logged as **Comments.**
Phase 3: Full enforcement of the policy: After December 1, 2023, incomplete or missing monitoring logs will be logged as a **minor deficiency**.

We also have laminated double-sided cards including the TBS table and the PAAM. Send an email to iacuc@emory.edu if you would like to get some cards for your lab.

IACUC Site Inspections - Hybrid L&L event on 6/6/2023 noon (lunch at 11:30am)

The next semiannual Site inspections cycle will start on 6/1/2023.

The IACUC Office will have a **Lunch & Learn hybrid session** for the IACUC community on how to prepare for the site inspections. This L&L event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 1599 Clifton Rd. Room 5A, 12 noon - 1 pm, a Zoom link is provided during registration. We will go over the inspection checklist, alerts, exemptions, policy updates, recordkeeping, and more. Lunch will be available for those coming to 1599 starting at 11:30 am. Please RSVP by 6/2/2023. Click here to register.

Protocol Submission Deadlines

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".

Resources for Researchers

The following resources are available on the IACUC website or in the IACUC SharePoint site (login with Emory ID)

Protocol submission

- IACUC Protocol Guidance for New and Triennial submissions - Updated
- EXAMPLE - Completion of one Team Substance Administration Procedure per Protocol (SharePoint)
- EXAMPLE - Completion of one Team Substance Administration Procedure per Experiment (SharePoint)
- List of Standard Procedures available in eIACUC (SharePoint) The following SPs have been updated:
  - Sterile Saline Administration for Behavioral Procedure – Rat
  - Sterile Saline Administration for Behavioral Procedure - Mouse

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
- EU DAR Job Aid for Open-Drop Isoflurane Overdose (euthanasia) in Rodents

Got Questions?

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