

Emory IACUC Newsletter

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IACUC Policy Updates

Emory University follows the contemporary version of the AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia. The most recent edition is the [AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals 2020](#)

The [IACUC Policy 304 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. See below for implementation of policy changes.

Reminder of your responsibilities when handling animal subjects

To decrease noncompliance events related to personnel not reading the approved protocols and modifications, the IACUC charged the IACUC Office with sending out a reminder of the responsibilities to the PI and each member of the research team. This reminder or attestation is sent to research teams receiving approval letters for new protocols and triennial renewals.

This document is sent using DocuSign. Each member of the research team is tagged for signing the document. The completed version returns to each member for your records.

The exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water will end 9/6/2023

The IACUC will be terminating the exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water on September 6, 2023. This exemption was approved in July 2022 due to a nation-wide backlog to obtain multidose bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water. Currently there seems to be no shortage for acquiring multidose bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water. Please contact your DAR unit if you have any questions.

Do you use Nair on animal subjects?

If you use Nair™ on animal subjects, note that there is no expiration date on any [Nair™ product](#). But for best results, it's recommended that you replace your product one year after opening.

<https://www.naircare.com/en/faqs>

The Emory IACUC asks investigators to label the Nair™ product with the date it was opened. It should be discarded after one year.

Do you have a Just-In-Time submission?

NOT-OD-10-128 defines the “Just-In-Time” process. This allows institutions to provide assurance of IACUC approval after peer-review, but prior to award. This allows for focused, substantive review of applications likely to be funded. Important notes are as follows:

- Congruency is not defined as an exact match. Components to be compared include the species, animal numbers, the research field and the procedures to be performed.

- Contact the IACUC Office at iacuc@emory.edu as soon as you know that you have received a JIT request. And it involves work with animal subjects

Ask RCRA – August 17, 2023 @ 12 noon

When: Thursday, August 17th | Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Registration: https://emory.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gZK1sYOHSPCEtfJR5DuwYQ

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

eIACUC software – down time dates

The eIACUC software will be upgraded at the end of August 2023. The system is expected to be down twice this month:

8/11/2023: 4:00 PM- 11:00 PM

8/25/2023-8/28/2023: 6:00 PM until Monday, 8:00 AM. The IACUC Office would like to make the end users aware of the changes and instances where errors may be triggered due to newly required answers. Join us every Friday from 12 noon to 2 pm in our Open Line Zoom room if you would like to know the changes and how it may affect your operations when submitting triennials, new protocols, and amendments. No appointment needed, just follow this link: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/96317076785>

Updated Use of Flowmeters for Mouse and Rat CO2 Euthanasia for SOM Researchers -INCLUDES training dates

SOM DAR provided the template “Use of Flowmeters for Mouse and Rat CO2 euthanasia and we have updated the template to include the name of individuals conducting the procedure and the date the DAR training was completed. The first page should be kept with the IACUC protocol binder and the second page “Instructions for CO2 euthanasia” should be posted on your lab space where the procedure is done. Download [HERE](#).

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 submit a protocol amendment to update your role.

The **Surgeon in Training** role will be removed from eIACUC after September 1, 2023. Please ensure that personnel listed in IACUC protocols are either listed with the *Surgeon* role or remove the *Surgeon in Training* role.

NOTE: personnel listed with the Surgeon role MUST have completed the pre-approval training for Aseptic Survival Surgery (see the IACUC Policy [Education and Training \(PDF\)](#))

Resources for Researchers

Resources for researchers can be found here: https://rcra.emory.edu/iacuc/researcher_tools.html

Additional resources can be found in the eIACUC SharePoint wiki site:

<https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/eIACUC> - log in with your net ID and password

IACUC Site Inspections

OLAW and USDA require the IACUC to inspect animal care and use facilities every six months. The semiannual Site inspections cycle started 6/1/2023 and it will run through 11/30/2023. The IACUC Office offered a Lunch & Learn hybrid session for the IACUC community on how to prepare for the site inspections. The recording and slides are available in the eIACUC wiki page: [HERE](#) The current schedule can be found [HERE](#).

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