

Emory IACUC Newsletter

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IACUC Policy Updates and other Policies

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- 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. Starting December 1st the updated policy will be fully enforced. See [March MOA](#)
 - ***Request a Protocol-Log Review consultation with the IACUC Office by sending an email to iacuc@emory.edu***
 - ***Request a refresher training for scoring tumors according to what is approved in your protocol by sending an email to dartrn@emory.edu***

Please sign the Post Approval Attestation of Responsibilities Reminder

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.

TAKE NOTE: The exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water was terminated on 9/3/2023

The IACUC voted to terminate the ***Exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water*** on September 6, 2023. Please contact your DAR unit if you have any questions.

DAR Training and OHS Questionnaire are moving to Brainier

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- ✓ Emory University has rolled out a new learning management tool called Brainier.
- ✓ The **OHS Questionnaire for Non-EPC personnel included in IACUC protocols** has moved to Brainier. Starting **Brainier** October 1st, you will receive a reminder that you are due for your annual OHS Questionnaire for Animal Handlers. Follow the instructions to complete the questionnaire.

OHS clearance for Non-EPC New personnel: you will be contacted by Employee Health after you sign-in into eIACUC and request the AALAS account.

OHS clearance for Non-EPC Undergraduate students and Sponsored Accounts:

<https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/eIACUC/SitePages/OHS-Form.aspx> > log in with your Emory ID and Password>Click Download a blank OHS Animal Handler Questionnaire> Complete form>Click Gray Box> Outlook email opens with attachment>Add immunization records>Click Send (No CCs)

Brainier log in for ***undergraduate and sponsored accounts:*** <https://emory.brainier.com>

Do you have a Just-In-Time submission?

NOT-OD-10-128 defines the “Just-In-Time” process. 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 iacuc@emory.edu as soon as you know that you have received a JIT request and it involves work with animal subjects.

Ask RCRA – November 16, 2023 @ 12 noon

When: Thursday, November 16th | 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.

Do you know if you have Compassion Fatigue?

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Take one of the self-assessments: <https://www.na3rsc.org/compassion-fatigue/self-assessment/>
To learn more about Compassion Fatigue click [HERE](#)

eIACUC software – Issues with the Upgrade

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The eIACUC software was upgraded at the end of August 2023. The smartform logic did not change.

However, there are new required fields which will trigger a validation error when submitting an amendment or triennial, or continuing review (formerly known as Annual Review).

Be also aware that the number of animals approved may change after approval of amendments. EU DAR and EPC DAR are aware of this issue. Huron has been notified and a resolution is being worked on. You can use the [JOB AID](#) assembled to resolve the validation error for the euthanasia procedure

Updated Template for the 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](#).

Have you read the most recent version of your approved IACUC protocol?

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We continue to identify inspection findings related to personnel doing procedures in animal subjects who:

- have not read the protocol including the procedure to be done.
- have not completed the post-approval training
- are not familiar with the analgesic regime/monitoring required for the procedure (i.e tumor scoring, weight, etc)
- review the “ACTIVE” version of the standard procedures. Contact iacuc@emory.edu if you find that the standard procedure says “ARCHIVED”

Resources for Researchers

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

The IACUC Office and the Subcommittee charged with reviewing the Aseptic Survival Surgery Policy assembled an [Example for how to fill out the Surgery Log.](#)

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

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OLAW and USDA require the IACUC to inspect animal care and use facilities every six months. The semiannual Site inspections cycle will start on 12/1/2023 and it will run through 5/31/2024. 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](#). You can also request a pre-inspection training by sending an email to iacuc@emory.edu.

From the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (ORIC)

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ORIC would like to share the [FAQ for IACUC site inspectors](#), designed to answer frequently asked questions by investigators and/or IACUC inspectors.

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