



Protocol Renewals

Approved IACUC protocols must be renewed every year via use of a continuation form or triennial update. If the protocol expires before the continuing paperwork is approved, it is important for all Principal Investigators (PIs) and lab staff to understand that all animal work must stop **immediately**. The PI has full responsibility for what happens on his/her protocol within his/her lab. If there are animals on the protocol, the animals are transferred to an ACS holding protocol. That means ACS staff and vets will be in charge of all animal husbandry and care while the protocol is on hold; ACS charges additional fees for this service. The PI and lab staff cannot have access to the animals while the protocol is expired except in the presence of an ACS veterinarian or veterinary technician for maintenance. No new experiments may be conducted, no new animals initiated, and the PI may not collect any data for current experiments on expired protocols. Obviously, this means that your research will be suspended and no work can be continued until the protocol is renewed and approved.

It is important for all investigators to keep track of the expiration dates of their protocols. It is the sole responsibility of the PI to make sure protocols are renewed. As a courtesy, the IACUC office sends reminder notices to investigators three months before the expiration date, and then two months and one month before expiration if the PI has not contacted us about the renewal. Please remember that the IACUC approval process can take up to 4-6 weeks from the time you submit your protocol.

IACUC Inspections Completed!

IACUC inspections for Spring 2007 are complete! We thank investigators and lab staff for your cooperation during the inspections.

Total animal rooms/areas/sites: **801**
Active: 618 = 77%

Of those that are active:

- **No deficiencies:** 462 = **75%**
- **With deficiencies:** 156 = **25%**
- **With multiple deficiencies:** 48 = **7.8%**

The following break-down illustrates where most of the deficiencies occurred.

- **Expired drugs and/or Expired solutions and/or supplies:** 58 = **9.39%**
- **Room needs repair** (rust, area needs to be sealed/painted, etc): **and/or Room not clean** (room cluttered/dirty): 42 = **6.8%**
- **No protocols available:** 41 = **6.63%**
- **Housing/animal issues:** 24 = **3.88%**
- **Occ Health & Safety concerns** (unsecured gas tanks, non-sanitizable surfaces, etc): 24 = **3.88%**

Update your Contact Info

If you work for **Vet Med**, please make sure your new email address and phone number are on all submissions to our office.
THANK YOU!