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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** New/Revised IACUC Policies



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Dear Research Community,

New/revised policies regarding animal care and use approved January 2019:

1. [Mouse Housing Densities and Overcrowded Mouse Cages](#)

2. [IACUC Authority, Composition, General Protocol Review and Appeal Process](#)

All other approved IACUC policies can be viewed [HERE](#)

Any comments please contact [iacuc@ohsu.edu](mailto:iacuc@ohsu.edu)

Thank you for your attention.

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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** IACUC Policies for Review and Feedback



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Dear IACUC Research Community,

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee invite you to provide feedback on any new or revised IACUC policies.

The policies for review at present are:

1. Non-Pharmaceutical Grade Drugs and Expired Drugs Use in Laboratory Animals Policy
  2. Guidance for Preparation, Storage and Handling of Substances Administered to Animals
  3. Food or Fluid Regulation and Manipulation of Feed Composition
  4. Tumor Burden in Rodents; Spontaneous or Induced Solid Tumors
- The IACUC policy feedback page on O2 can be accessed [HERE](#).

The required 10 day review begins February 13, 2019. Please respond by February 27, 2019.

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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** IACUC Policies for Review and Feedback



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Dear IACUC Research Community,  
The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee invite you to provide feedback on any new or revised IACUC policies.

The policies for review at present are:

1. Environmental Enrichment for Mice and Rats
2. Animal Restraint
3. Laboratories/Housing Outside of the Vivarium
4. Non-Human Primate Prevention of Macacine Herpesvirus 1 Exposure

Please provide feedback on the below policy if you are a researcher working with USDA covered species on the Central & Waterfront Campus:

1. Surgical or Anesthetic Procedure Requirements (USDA Covered Species - Central & Waterfront Campus)

The IACUC policy feedback page on O2 can be accessed [HERE](#).

The required 10 day review begins April 22, 2019. Please respond by May 3, 2019.

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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 2:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Single Housing Notification Program Reminder



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

**Single Housing Notification Program Reminder**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is preparing for our AAALAC site visit which will take place in June.

To help us prepare, please be sure that your Single Housing stickers are **completed.**

SINGLE ANIMAL	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive	<b>DCM USE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Extra enrichment provided _____(initials)
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Animal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	
<input type="checkbox"/> IACUC Approved	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vet Approved	

**Instructions for using single housing stickers:**

1. Place an orange **Single Animal** sticker on the cage card
2. Document the date of single housing
3. Select the appropriate reason for single housing
  - Last Animal (in a cage)
  - Breeding – ex. single rotating male breeder or dam with recently weaned pups

- IACUC Approved – experimentally justified and approved in your IACUC approved protocol

**DCM placed single housing stickers:**

1. DCM Husbandry and Veterinary Staff may also place these stickers on your cages when they observe an animal singly housed.
2. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE STICKER BY CHECKING THE REASON FOR SINGLY HOUSING THE ANIMAL.**

*Please review this process with all lab members working with the colony and update any incomplete stickers.*

Thank you for your participation in this program.  
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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** IACUC May Semiannual Walkthrough



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

**Attention: Animal Users**

During May, (see below for dates & times) teams of IACUC members will be walking through *animal housing areas* on the Central and Waterfront Comparative Medicine facility.

You are welcome to be present and/or continue to conduct your work as necessary.

The exact time of the team's arrival is variable, so if you are planning sensitive experiments, please contact [REDACTED] as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

Feel free to contact [REDACTED] should you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you so much for your support and diligence in maintaining a quality animal care and use program.

Tuesday, May 7 PM  
Wednesday, May 8 PM  
Thursday, May 9 AM

Thursday, May 9 PM  
Tuesday, May 14 AM  
Wednesday, May 16 AM  
Tuesday, May 21 PM

**\*AM** is 9am-1pm; **PM** is 12-4pm\*

*Sincerely,*

The OHSU Research Integrity Office

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**From:** OHSU IACUC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 3:32 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Important Information about our Animal Care and Use Program Accreditation Site Visit (AAALAC) June 19-21, 2019



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues,

On **June 19-21** AAALAC will be conducting its triennial site visit of the Central and Waterfront Campus animal care and use facilities and many research laboratories that use animals. Maintaining AAALAC Accreditation of our program shows a commitment to providing responsible animal care, promoting animal wellbeing and enhancing research.

AAALAC is a private nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through a voluntary accreditation program. OHSU has been fully accredited since 1963. Continued accreditation is dependent upon passing a rigorous evaluation of the program of animal care and use by experts in laboratory animal science every three years and annual reports on the status of the animal facility. Please see the attachment *[“What research staff needs to know about our Accreditation Site Visit”](#)* for additional information.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining an exemplary animal care and use program at OHSU and request that you help make this a successful site visit by doing the following:

- Clean and organize all areas within your laboratory and procedure rooms where animals are used or taken.
- Clean and organize any supplies that you keep within animal housing rooms. All containers containing feed, medication, liquids or other items should be labeled with the name of the substance and expiration date.
- **Discard all expired medications, anesthetics, sutures, vacutainers or other materials** that are used in animals in your animal housing room as well as your laboratory. If you have expired materials that you are using in vitro, please label them **Not Used in Animals**.
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while working in your animal housing room or when working with your animals in your lab. At a minimum this would be a lab coat or cover gown, gloves, closed toed shoes and leg coverings. Some areas have additional requirements. For a complete listing please see the IACUC Policy [Requirements for Personnel Identification & Protective Clothing](#).
- Adhere to all [IACUC policies](#) on the use of animals.
- Site visitors will request to see your surgery logs including anesthesia, analgesia, post-operative care and controlled substance logs. Please have them up to date and ready for viewing.
- Site visitors may also request to see any training logs and/or inquire as to how you were trained to perform procedures with animals. The IACUC Policy [Training Requirements for Research Staff in the Use of](#)

## Animals (excluding Non-Human Primates on the West Campus)

provides additional information.

- Site visitors may also ask whether you are enrolled in the Occupational Health Program (ReadySet) and whether you are aware of the symptoms of rodent allergy. Allergy symptoms include: stuffy nose, itchy eyes, itching skin, coughing, skin rashes, difficulty breathing or other respiratory problems.
  - Be familiar with the ways OHSU can help protect your valuable mouse lines in the event of an emergency/disaster or an unexpected attrition of those valuable founders.
1. Cryopreservation of germplasm (i.e., embryos or sperm) with the [OHSU Transgenic Core](#). The Core uses Speed Cryo technology to preserve your most important work. Germplasm is stored in two different geographic storage freezers to best ensure the security of your lines.

Cryopreservation is also an invaluable tool to save on the expansive costs of line maintenance (e.g., per diems, personnel time to manage the colony, cost for genotyping, the time cost away from performing other work) of models that you may not work with right away.

For more information about cryopreservation services, contact:

  
Director, OHSU Transgenic Mouse Models Shared Resource

@ohsu.edu

2. DCM's *Gold Star Program* is an animal priority program in the event of an emergency or disaster. Laboratories can identify up to five (5) cages, per protocol, that will be prioritized for protection and/or movement by DCM staff should an emergency or disaster occur. Laboratories can pick up gold star stickers to flag cages from DCM's

Main Office (LBRB B110). These gold stickers must be visible at all times on the cage card to ensure cage identification. Laboratories are also required to keep their contact information up-to-date with DCM. Due to the unknowns during a disaster, DCM cannot guarantee the protection of all gold star program cages; however, we will make every possible effort to protect and relocate these cages, should the need arise.

For more information about DCM's *Gold Star Program*, contact [REDACTED]@ohsu.edu.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters. Please contact us if you have any questions

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Director of Comparative Medicine IACUC Chair

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The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee invites you to provide feedback on any new or revised IACUC policies.

The policies for review at present are:

1. Blood Collection from Animals Used in Research or Teaching
2. Transfer of Research Animals Between Protocols (Excluding Non-Human Primates)
3. Unexpected Experimental Outcomes
4. Flooring for Rodents (Grid or Wire Mesh)

The IACUC policy feedback page on O2 can be accessed [HERE](#).

The required 10 day review begins June 6, 2019. Please respond by June 20, 2019.

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