

## Policy concerning adherence to procedures and policies approved by the IACUC

All studies using animals at Emory University must be approved by the IACUC. Faculty and their staff are expected to perform their experiments according to the approved protocols and institutional policies. Although most studies are properly performed, lapses sometimes occur. The veterinarians or staff of the DAR often may identify such problems and communicate with the appropriate investigator, who then corrects the problem. Occasionally, serious problems that could compromise the health and well being of animals or humans are identified. The DAR has been instructed to report such problems to the IACUC, which may request of the PI a written explanation of what happened and how it will be prevented in the future. Failure to rectify such problems constitutes noncompliance with the regulations that govern use of animals and IACUC approval of the protocol may be suspended. Suspension of a protocol is very serious and must be reported by the IACUC to regulatory and the funding agencies. Requests to reinstate suspended protocols will be reviewed and decided by the IACUC.