Georgia State University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

(IACUC)

It is the responsibility of the Georgia State University (GSU) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure judicious and humane use of animals used in its teaching and research programs that is consistent with federal requirements.*

Use of Expired Drugs or Materials

Per the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the use of expired pharmaceuticals, biologics, and supplies is not consistent with acceptable veterinary practice or adequate veterinary care. Euthanasia, anesthesia and analgesia agents should not be used beyond their expiration date, even if a procedure is terminal. As it relates to other drugs or materials, the GSU IACUC does not oppose the use of expired medical materials for terminal procedures if their use does not adversely affect the animal's well-being or compromise the validity of the scientific study.

All expired medical materials must either be disposed of or segregated from non-expired medical materials and conspicuously labeled as expired while either awaiting disposal or while awaiting use in a terminal study. Each research laboratory is expected to monitor its inventory of medical materials used on animals (e.g. drugs, sutures, fluids, etc.) to ensure adherence to this policy. Research laboratories have access to the Chematix Chemical Management Software system should they desire to inventory all of their medical materials containing expiration dates utilizing this system. If utilized for this purpose, this system will, in turn, notify the principal investigator and designated laboratory supervisor via e-mail regarding pending expirations.

Pertinent Regulations*

U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training
Public Health Service Policy
Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and AWA Regulations

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