

“Essential Facts for Conducting Animal Research”



If your studies involve the use of animals

- At the VA
- In VA leased space
- Funded by the VA
- On VA time

You and your staff are required to comply with VHA Handbook 1200.7 “Use of Animals in Research”, as well as VAMHCS and UM SOM IACUC site specific policies for animal research

Prior to starting your study you must have approval letters in hand from

- UMB Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) if work is performed at the VA or UMB, AND if your project involves recombinant DNA or you are breeding transgenic animal lines to create offspring different from either parent
- VAMHCS Subcommittee on Research Safety (SRS)
- The UMB SOM IACUC (IACUC/AUP form)
- ACORP (if VA funded)
- Final approval from the VAMHCS R&D Committee (RDC)

YOU MAY NOT START YOUR STUDY UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE ACOS/R&D (Dr. Bever) THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FINAL R&D COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

If you wish to change your approved protocol, you must amend the applications filed with the appropriate committees and wait for approval of the changes before proceeding with the changes. This would include (not limited to)

- Adding procedures to animals
- Changing how a procedure is done
- Changing drugs, compounds or equipment used during procedures
- Adding personnel not already listed
- Deleting personnel

EVEN MINOR CHANGES IN LABORATORY PROCEDURES, ANIMAL CARE OR USE, REQUIRE AMENDMENTS with IACUC approval before instituting new procedures!

Helpful tip:

- When possible on your protocol submissions, consider stating ranges rather than specific values/sizes for your use of supplies, procedures, etc. For example: state the use of “27-25g needles” rather than “25G needles”, or 10-15 mg/kg of drug rather than “12.5 mg/kg drug”.

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RELEVANT WEBSITES:

WWW.MARYLAND.RESEARCH.VA.GOV (go to “LINKS” to find 1200.7 and other VHA handbooks)

[HTTP://MEDSCHOOL.UMARYLAND.EDU/ACUO](http://MEDSCHOOL.UMARYLAND.EDU/ACUO)

[HTTP://WWW.EHS.UMARYLAND.EDU/BIOSAFETY](http://WWW.EHS.UMARYLAND.EDU/BIOSAFETY)

[HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/OD/OHS/BIOSFTY/BMBL5/BMBL_5TH_EDITION.PDF](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/OD/OHS/BIOSFTY/BMBL5/BMBL_5TH_EDITION.PDF)

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