

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Handling Animals after Expiration of IACUC approved Animal Protocol

All animals at UMMC must be connected to an IACUC approved animal protocol. In the event that the IACUC approved animal protocol has expired or the proper forms have not been completed and submitted (annual renewal or 3 year full submission) and there remain animals associated with the protocol, the IACUC has developed the following Policy to handle the care and disposition of these.

1. The IACUC has developed and approved (April 19, 2005) an **Animal Holding Protocol** to cover animals in the Laboratory Animal Facilities due to expiration of a previously approved protocol. This holding protocol will be in effect for a **period not to exceed 30 days**.
2. The PI and her/his department chairman will be notified that the previously approved protocol has expired and that all animals associated with this protocol will be immediately transferred to the holding protocol.
3. **NO experimental procedures can be performed on any animals once they are assigned to the Animal Holding Protocol. This includes: data collection, sample collection, surgery, administering test substances, etc.**
4. LAF husbandry for animals retained on the holding protocol will be charged to the PI of the previously approved protocol and/or the Department Chair at **2 times the normal daily animal care rate**.
5. During the period which the animals are on this holding protocol, the PI can submit a new animal protocol to cover these animals. Following IACUC approval the animals will be returned to the investigator.
6. If, after 30 days, an animal protocol has not been submitted to the IACUC, the animals on the holding protocol will be euthanized by the approved AVMA methods. Alternatively, if the animals are suitable, they can be offered for transfer to an appropriate IACUC approved animal protocol. The Institutional Official will be notified.