



Expired Materials

358.1 Purpose

358.1.1 Emory University strictly prohibits the use of drugs used for anesthesia, analgesia or euthanasia beyond their expiration date.

358.1.2 For other medical materials (exclusive of those mentioned above), Emory University follows guidance provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA - Animal Care Policy #3) and the PHS Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).¹ For expired medical materials, other than those used for anesthesia, analgesia or euthanasia, Emory University allows for their use in animals for acute terminal procedures, provided:

- 358.1.2.1** That their use does not adversely affect the animal's well-being or compromise the validity of the scientific study;
- 358.1.2.2** That the drugs or materials are clearly labeled (IACUC recommends writing "expired, terminal use only" on the package); and
- 358.1.2.3** That they are stored separately from other drugs so as to avoid accidental use of expired substances.

Proper anesthesia, analgesia, and euthanasia using non-expired drugs are required for all such procedures.

358.2 Definitions of Key Terms Specific to this Policy

358.2.1 Terminal procedure: a procedure in which an animal does not recover from anesthesia following the procedure.

358.3 Applicability

This policy applies to all Emory research related animal activities that fall under the IACUC's jurisdiction.

358.4 Document Properties

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¹ For additional information, see OLAW Animal Use and Management FAQ #5 (available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/faqs.htm#useandmgmt_5) and the USDA Animal Care Policy, Animal Care Resource Guide, Issue Date: July 17, 2007 (available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/policy/policy3.pdf).