

**Subject: Expired Medical Materials Policy**

Source: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)  
Effective Date: 07/13/20  
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Applies to: Personnel involved in research or teaching studies involving animals  
Reference: Animal Welfare Act; PHS Policy on Humane Care & Use of Laboratory Animals; Guide for the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals



**Introduction**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) maintains oversight review for federally mandated rules and regulations with regard to animal research, ethics, misconduct and biomedical research for the University of Colorado Denver / Anschutz medical Campus (CU Denver | Anschutz)

**Policy Statement**

The purpose of the policy is to clarify when the use of expired medical materials is and is not allowed in animal experiments. Examples of medical materials include drugs, fluids, sutures, catheters, anesthetics, and analgesics.

- Expired medical materials are prohibited for use in any survival procedure.
- Expired medical materials, except for analgesics, anesthetics, and euthanasia solutions, are allowed in acute terminal procedures provided that the expired medical materials must not adversely affect the animal's well being or the experimental results of the study.
  - Storage of expired medical materials must be in an appropriately labeled, physically separate location from non-expired materials. Both the physical location and the medical material packaging should be clearly labeled as "Expired – Acute Use Only". All other expired medical materials should be discarded appropriately.

Per regulatory requirements, failure to comply with this policy may result in notification of your funding agency (e.g. NIH) and regulatory agencies (e.g. USDA) that your research has violated federal and/or local policies regarding the humane use of animals. This notification may affect continuous funding of your animal-related research. Further, depending on the violation, you may be required to take additional training and/or your privilege to conduct animal research at CU Denver | Anschutz might be temporarily suspended or even completely revoked.