

The Beacon

Research Integrity News



Updates from the IACUC office:

- Several policies have been recently revised, including the Disaster Plan (10.4.7). Please note this is not posted on the website, however if you would like a copy, please contact the Research Integrity office. Other recently revised policies are: Tumor burden in rodents (10.4.23) and Controlled Substances (10.4.18). These can be found [here](#).
- PIs using controlled substances in their research at FAU must complete the Certification of Research Personnel Using Controlled Substances for members of their lab who will have access to and be authorized to administer controlled substances in the course of research. The form can be found on under Veterinary Services forms on the web site [here](#).
- PIs are required to submit an amendment form for adding new personnel once they have completed all applicable training. Personnel may not begin working with animals at FAU until an amendment form has been received and approved by the IACUC.
- Scientific Merit of submitted IACUC protocols should be completed prior to submission of the protocol to the IACUC. PI's should not rely on the IACUC to complete Scientific Merit for a study. The IACUC is charged with verifying that scientific merit has been completed, not performing the process.

Examples of those that can perform scientific merit review include external funding agencies such as NSF, NIH etc., a permitting authority if the work described in the protocol has been described in the permit application, a graduate student's thesis committee (endorsed by a member of the committee other than the PI of the

