



Update to IACUC Policy 10.4.12 “Diet and Fluid Modifications in Rodents”.

- The IACUC’s diet and fluid modification policy has been revised to reflect a change in the frequency of monitoring and weighing animals during times of food/fluid restriction. To access the revised policy, click [here](#).
 - *Section VII.B: Animals must be monitored and weighed **3 times per week** during times of food/fluid restriction. A baseline weight needs to be taken before implementing the food/fluid restriction (see [Fluid and Food Restriction Record Sheet](#) for an example form to use as a monitoring record sheet). In certain studies, additionally a body condition score (BCS) should also be used to evaluate the animals (see [Body Condition Scoring \(BCS\) Guide](#) for a diagram explaining a BCS system).*

Update to IACUC Policy 10.4.27 “Photography and Videography Involving Research Animals”

- The IACUC’s photography and videography policy has been revised to include all research animals, including wildlife animals. To access the revised policy, click [here](#).

Update to IACUC SOP “Rodent Anesthesia, Surgery and Analgesia”

- The IACUC’s rodent anesthesia, surgery and analgesia SOP has been revised to include Glad Press-N-Seal as a draping material to use during survival surgical procedures. To access the revised SOP, click [here](#).
 - *Section A.5.F: It is recommended that the area be covered with a sterile surgical drape (paper, adhesive, or gauze sponges). This not only helps prevent stray hair from entering the surgical field, but also provides an area on which to lay sterile instruments during surgery. **Glad Press-N-Seal may be used as draping material. The production process for it renders it sterile. The animal is also easily visualized underneath.***

IACUC Training

Monthly training is available for all personnel (including faculty, staff and students) conducting animal research at FAU. The training dates are available on the IACUC training calendar. To register on the training calendar, please click [here](#). If you have any questions regarding trainings, please contact Dana Becker (beckerd@fau.edu) or Daniela Esquenazi (desquenazi2019@fau.edu).

Submitting IACUC Personnel Amendments

- When submitting amendment applications to add personnel to approved IACUC protocols, please describe their role in the study and indicate whether the individual will perform survival surgical procedures. The information can be included under the description of change section within the amendment form.

IACUC Office Hours

- Research Integrity has a new office space on the Jupiter campus. The new office is located in MC-17, room 101 and Dana will be working there Mondays – Wednesdays.