



Policy Updates:

Policy 10.4.16: Access Control and General Requirements for Working in Animal Facilities, revised

The IACUC's access control policy has been revised to include the addition of loading docks and other exterior entrances as access-controlled security areas and changes to the visitors request form. To access the revised policy, click [here](#).

- *Section IV.2: Loading docks and other exterior entrances are areas of concern relative to security, especially if directly adjacent to the animal housing facility and should be controlled by appropriate security measures. Those areas must always be access controlled to avoid security breaches of the vivarium and aid in the protection of laboratory animals from pests that could easily enter due to open doors.*
- *Section IV.4: All others, including students, visitors and contractors must be escorted by authorized personnel and cleared by the AV or her designee if entering CM managed facilities. Faculty hosting visitors must complete the form "Visitors (Including Minors) in Animal Facilities and Research Areas Request Form" for visitors from other institutions that want to enter CM managed facilities. **To receive timely approval, the form needs to be submitted no later than 48 hours before visitor wants to enter vivarium to assure appropriate signatures can be secured.***

Policy 10.4.18: Controlled Substance and Prescription Drugs, revised

The IACUC's controlled substance and prescription drugs policy has been revised to reflect changes to re-certification of the controlled substances form and clarification regarding the qualifications of individuals using controlled substances. To access the revised policy, click [here](#).

- *Section IV.G: Any faculty or staff member requesting and using any controlled substance acquired through the institutional licensures must be registered with Comparative Medicine c/o the CM employee responsible for ordering drugs using a Certification of Research Personnel Using Controlled Substances form, which will be emailed to the PI. **Every year at the beginning of the FAU fiscal year (FY), all personnel possessing or using controlled substances in research must re-certify with Comparative Medicine using the aforementioned form. If major changes occur throughout the FY, it is the responsibility of the PI to request a new form and complete it accordingly.***
- *Section IV.H: Registrants must meet the criteria for Principal Investigator (PI) as per FAU policy (<https://www.fau.edu/research-admin/docs/policies/sponsored-programs/pi-eligibility-policy-080120.pdf>) and are responsible for all aspects of these Principles and Procedures. Registrants must identify the controlled substance use in an approved IACUC protocol, the individual(s) responsible for assisting in their compliance with these Principles and Procedures, the location where the controlled substance will be securely stored and ensure that complete records will be*

Maintained. Faculty must ensure controlled substances are stored in an area of limited access and according to the DEA regulations.



Due to the requirements of a criminal background check, individuals using the CS without oversight by the PI must be employed by FAU. Students who are compensated for the work/research qualify.

Guideline Updates

Guidelines for Determining Pain Categories for Behavioral Testing, new

The IACUC has developed a new document to provide guidance to researchers for identifying USDA pain categories for certain behavioral tests when writing IACUC protocols and amendments to IACUC protocols. To access the new document, click [here](#).

Guidelines for Drop Method of Anesthesia, new

Comparative Medicine has developed a new guidance document for researchers that utilize the Isoflurane open drop method of anesthesia. To access the new document, click [here](#).

CITI Training Clarification:

All personnel working with animals are required to complete online training through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) website. All individuals must complete CITI's basic course entitled "Mandatory General Training for All Animal Users". Refresher training is required every three-years and all individuals must complete CITI's refresher course entitled, "Mandatory General Training for All Animal Users Refresher". Completion of additional CITI courses is dependent on the area of research, species and procedures being used and are non-expiring.

Office Hours

Research Integrity has a new office space on the Jupiter campus. The new office is located in MC-19, room 207 and Dana will be working there Mondays – Wednesdays.