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 (UCDenver).

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 – Terminal Use Only”. All other expired medical materials should be discarded appropriately.