

# IACUC Update

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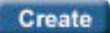
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## Transition your Legacy Protocol into eProtocol IACUC

Legacy Protocols, or paper protocols, cannot be accessed via eProtocol. The IACUC encourages you to transition your Legacy Protocol into eProtocol IACUC. Begin the process at: <https://ierry.orsc.utexas.edu/iacuc/>

Click  Enter your protocol title, protocol personnel (at a minimum, only the PI role needs to be entered), and then

click . A protocol number and the protocol application will be generated. You then may continue to complete the information for other sections.

## Why the IACUC Reviews Your Grant Proposals

The IACUC has received several queries recently as to why the IACUC reviews grant proposals during protocol review.

[PHS Policy](#) and the NIH Grants Policy Statement ([Part II, Terms and Conditions](#)) require the institution to verify, before award, that the IACUC has reviewed and approved those components of grant proposals related to the care and use of animals.

## A Primer on the Three Rs Part 3: Refinement

It is widely accepted that the Three Rs (Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement) should guide the humane scientific use of animals. WMS Russell and RL Burch first introduced the concept of the Three Rs in their 1959 book *The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique*.

**Refinement alternatives** refers to the modification of husbandry or experimental procedures to minimize pain and distress, and to enhance the welfare of an animal used in science from the time it is born until its death.

Sources: *Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC)*; *Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)*.

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## We want to hear from YOU!

- **Call for Topics: What do you want from the IACUC Update?** Every so often, we like to put out a request to the animal research community to get suggestions for topics for the *IACUC Update*. Please take a few minutes to offer some suggestions for where you would like to see the *IACUC Update* go this year.
- **Website Feedback.** The Office of Research Support strives to provide the best website for use by the animal research community. We welcome your feedback on the IACUC website. Please take the time to complete our survey online:

[http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/user\\_survey.html](http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/user_survey.html)

Your opinion is very important to us and we offer our thanks for your feedback.

## eProtocol Tip of the Month

**How do I renew my protocol?** On your eProtocol IACUC HOME page (the page you see when you first log in), look at your **Approved Protocols**. Click on the number of the protocol you wish to renew. A small window should open with several options, e.g., Open in View Mode, Protocol Details, Start Revision, Start Renewal, etc. If the option to "Start Renewal" is not available, then (1) you may not have EDIT access to this protocol, (2) a protocol revision may already be pending, or (3) it is too early to renew.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A renewal cannot be submitted while a revision is still in process. Changes to the protocol, however, can be included during the renewal form submission.

Additional information is available in the **eProtocol IACUC Users Guide** on the Forms page of the IACUC website.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **September 13, 2010**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **August 20, 2010**.

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