

# IACUC Update

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## Submit Renewal Documents As Soon As Possible

Renewal forms should be submitted as soon as possible to prevent a lapse in approval.

To prevent a lapse in approval, your renewal application must be approved prior to the expiration date, even if there are no changes to the protocol.

You will receive two renewal reminder notices at 60 and 30 days prior to expiration. The IACUC recommends that you submit your renewal when you receive your first reminder and at the latest when you receive your FINAL reminder.

## A Note on Protocol Submissions and Protocol Deadlines

Revisions, Renewals, PMFs, and APUFs are no longer reviewed at a Full Committee Review UNLESS an IACUC member specifically requests to do so. Instead, Revisions, Renewals, PMFs, and APUFs are reviewed as they are received. Investigators usually receive a review decision within two to three weeks of submission.

Reminder: Only complete protocols will be reviewed by the IACUC. Simply submitting a protocol by the deadline date does not mean that the protocol is ready for Committee review. If your protocol is returned for any reason, you must resubmit the revised protocol by the deadline date to be considered at that month's FCR.

## eProtocol Tip of the Month

**Ensure all funded projects are listed on your approved protocol.**

The Office of Sponsored Projects verifies that IACUC approval has been issued prior to releasing funds. If the funding source is not listed in your approved protocol, there may be a delay in receiving your award.

## World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)

This year's World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)/World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week is being observed from April 21-29. No specific details about planned campus activities have been announced, but it is expected that student organizations (or off-campus anti-research organizations invited to campus by the student groups) will protest at the Mall and possibly along the Dean Keeton / Speedway / ARC route.

There may be media inquiries during this time. As always, media relations personnel in the University Communications office (512-471-3151) can help you verify the authenticity of the reporter's claims regarding representation before you engage with the caller. The Media Relations group can also assist you with preparing for interviews. Media experts strongly recommend that laboratories using animals prepare and keep on hand brief statements regarding the benefit to human and animal health of their ongoing experimental studies. Contact the Public Affairs Representative for your College/School/Unit (available at): <http://www.utexas.edu/opa/media/contacts.php>

If you have any questions regarding WWAIL or media issues, you can contact Glen Otto, Director, Animal Resources Center, at 471-2392 or Gary Susswein, Director of Media Relations at [susswein@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:susswein@austin.utexas.edu) or 471-4945.

The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) is responsible for responding to any concerns about personal safety, property damage or possible illegal activities during this time. DIAL 911 OR (512) 471-4441 TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR CONCERN TO UTPD.

The next Full Committee Review (FCR) is  
**May 14, 2012.**

The submission deadline for new protocols  
or third-year resubmissions is **April 20.**

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