



Spotlight Section

Upcoming committee meetings:

Sept 18 - IBC Biosafety

Sept 19 - IRB Social Behavioral

Sept 25 - IACUC

Sept 26 - IRB Bioscience

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Research Compliance Office Connections and Protections

IACUC Compliance is Easier Than You May Think

Since scientific research is an evolving process, it often requires altering procedures, amending the number of animals, and/or updating participant information. Because the committee must approve any change in advance of performance, ASU's IACUC has a simple email procedure for requesting several types of modifications.

Significant changes to a protocol include any change that is likely to be a cost to an animal. Examples include changes in protocol objectives or goals, increase in the number of animals, potentially higher pain or distress, and/or procedural changes. Requests for such changes are sent via

email to the IACUC Chair or to the Research Compliance Office where the process to have full IACUC approval begins. Significant changes are reviewed by the full committee, generally within 72 hours.

Some examples of **minor changes** include early termination of the study, reduction in procedural frequency, and decreased dose levels. While these changes are also requested via email, the response time from the IACUC is typically 24 to 48 hours because the decisions can be made for the IACUC by the Chair or another designated committee member after reviewing the original protocol.

Especially in an academic institution, studies sometimes require **changes in personnel**. While also considered a minor change, adding or removing a participant is as easy as emailing the request with their name(s); if you are adding participants, they will need to complete Level I and Level II species specific training on line and submit the Occupational Health Surveillance Questionnaire. Once the on line training is complete the Research Compliance Office receives a confirmation notice by the training provider.

All requests should be submitted by the Principal Investigator via email to the IACUC Chair and the IACUC Coordinator in the Research Compliance Office or to research.compliance@asu.edu. Since IACUC must approve the changes in advance of performance, send your request(s) as soon as possible. We will work with you to ensure that compliance requirements are in order and your protocol file is complete.

IACUC information is available at the IACUC site: <http://researchadmin.asu.edu/compliance/iacuc/>

What is RCR?

As an institution devoted to the creation of new knowledge through research and scholarship, ASU is committed to maintaining the integrity fundamental to these activities through the responsible and ethical conduct of its faculty, staff and students. Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR) will be the focus of a series of faculty seminars hosted by the Research Compliance Office this year. The nine areas of Responsible Conduct in Research include Data Acquisition, Management, Sharing and Ownership, Conflict of Interest, Human Subjects, Animal Welfare, Research Misconduct, Authorship and Publication, Mentorship, Peer Review and Collaborative Research. The first seminar is scheduled for Friday, September 12 from 11:30 - 1:00. The topic is "Supporting the Needs of Human Subjects in Research" presented by faculty Mark Roosa and Carol Johnston and will be located at the MU 246 Coconino Room. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required and seating is limited. To register call 965-4796 or email andru.kimmey@asu.edu. Please visit our website at <http://researchadmin.asu.edu/compliance/integrity/index.htm> for more information on Responsible Conduct in Research.

