

SUNY UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
Committee for the Humane Use of Animals (CHUA)

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF EXPIRED MEDICAL MATERIALS

The Animal Care division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has developed a policy (policy #3) concerning the use of expired medical materials for non-survival experimental procedures. In consideration of this policy, the CHUA has developed the following guidelines which should be followed when utilizing outdated pharmaceuticals or medical devices in experimental animals:

1. Outdated materials may only be used if their use does not adversely affect the animal's well-being or compromise the validity of the study.
2. Drugs administered to relieve pain or distress and emergency drugs must not be used beyond their expiration dates. Expired euthanasia agents may only be used on anesthetized animals.
3. The outdated items must be physically separated from other similar items and clearly labeled **"Outdated Materials – For Terminal Procedures Only"** (or similarly).
4. The CHUA protocol must indicate that expired materials may be used **prior** to their use in experimental animals.
5. Any item expired >3 years should be discarded unless the item is irreplaceable or replacement would be prohibitively expensive.
6. Expired materials should be maintained in as sterile or clean condition as possible.

I have read and agree to comply with the above guidelines.

Signature of Principal Investigator

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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