

Miscellaneous

Item 2 – Use of Expired Medical Materials

The Animal Care division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has developed a policy ([Policy #3: Veterinary Care](#)) concerning the use of expired medical materials for non-survival experimental procedures. In consideration of this policy, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has developed the following guidelines which should be followed when utilizing outdated pharmaceuticals or medical devices in experimental animals: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 Outdated materials may only be used if the item is irreplaceable or replacement would be prohibitively expensive and its use does not adversely affect the animal's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.
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 The outdated items must be physically separated from other similar items and clearly labeled **“Outdated Materials – For Terminal Procedures Only”** (or similarly).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 IACUC protocol must indicate the expired materials that may be used.
5. Expired materials should be maintained in as sterile or clean condition as possible.

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