

Protocol Review & Facility Assessment

Item 2 - Expedited Review

Expedited review of a protocol or an addendum to an approved protocol is reserved for special cases where unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances have led to a situation where either research or animal welfare would be jeopardized by the time it would take for the standard review process.

The Principal Investigator must request expedited review from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Chair (or Vice Chair, if Chair is not available). If expedited review is granted, then the protocol/addendum will be processed as follows:

Reviewer Assignment

- Protocol: The IACUC Chair will assign a primary reviewer.
- Addendum: The assigned primary reviewer of the original protocol will serve as reviewer.

If the primary reviewer is unable to conduct the expedited review (out of the country, on vacation, etc.); then the IACUC Chair or his designee will conduct the expedited review.

Expedited Review Process

1. The IACUC Office will distribute a copy of the protocol/addendum to all committee members.
2. All members will be given 3 business days to review the document and respond back to the primary reviewer or the IACUC Office with comments, questions or call for full committee review*.
3. No response from member(s) will indicate approval of the document being reviewed.
4. If no changes are identified or if all questions forwarded to the principal investigator have been addressed, the primary reviewer will approve the protocol or addendum.
5. All protocols/addenda approved by expedited review during the current month will be noted in the meeting minutes (*Other Actions* attachment).

*Any Committee member may call for full committee review of a protocol or addendum. If one member calls for full committee review, the protocol/addendum will be put into the standard review process.

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