



Updates to on-line form in near future

The myIACUC system has been in place for about a year. Throughout that time we have received several suggestions for improvement to the format and wording of some of the questions. Updates to the system have been in progress over the past several months. A revised version of myIACUC will be rolled out sometime in the beginning of 2009.

The IACUC staff appreciates the input received by our members and by investigators. The updated version will be more streamlined with some reworded questions for clarification.

If you ever have questions about the myIACUC process, please refer to the User's Manual found on the website. If you still have questions, please contact us at iacuc@grove.ufl.edu or 392-9917.

Important Note!

The IACUC office will be closed from December 25 through January 2, when the University is closed for the holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 5.

Major Revision of Protocols *Correction*

In our last newsletter, it was stated that major changes, such as those listed below, need to be made in the new myIACUC system by creating a new study. That was incorrect. The

myIACUC system is designed to save all changes of a document into one form on the system. When any of these changes are made,

- PI change
- Change in species
- Change in research objective
- Withholding of analgesics
- Increase in degree or invasiveness of a procedure or discomfort to an animal

the changes are reviewed by the IACUC then a final complete document is saved in myIACUC. Therefore, it is not necessary to create a new protocol to make major revisions as had to be done in our old email/paper system.

However, for protocols created through our old email/paper system, any major revisions like those above need to be made by creating a new protocol on the myIACUC system.

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Protocol changes for IACUC Full Committee meetings have a deadline. When a protocol is called for discussion at an IACUC meeting, the PI and DR have a week or two to correspond about the protocol and changes needed. All changes to the protocol must be completed before noon on the Friday before the meeting in order for the protocol to be discussed at the meeting. Even if you are in the process of making changes in the myIACUC system, the protocol will lock up at noon on Friday and you won't be able to save your changes after that time.