



Title: Expired Drugs and Medical Materials

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Standard Operating Procedure

1. Purpose

To define the procedure regarding expired drugs and medical materials.

2. Scope

Per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), the use of expired drugs (anesthetics, analgesics, tranquilizers, euthanasia drugs, antibiotics, etc.) is not acceptable veterinary care.

This policy applies to all vertebrate research and teaching animals covered under Central Oregon Community College Animal Care and Use Protocols, regardless of whether or not they are covered under the USDA Animal Welfare Act.

3. Responsibilities

The Principal Investigator (PI) and facility manager must properly segregate and dispose of expired drugs and expired medical materials.


4. Procedure

Per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), the use of expired drugs (anesthetics, analgesics, tranquilizers, euthanasia drugs, antibiotics, etc.) is not acceptable veterinary care.

Expired drugs, including but not limited to anesthetics, analgesics, tranquilizers, euthanasia solutions, emergency drugs, and antibiotics cannot be used in live animals under any circumstances.

Expired drugs should be segregated in an appropriately labeled container, physically separate from non-expired drugs and arrangements should be made for timely and proper disposal.

Expired medical materials (e.g., suture material, staples, saline) may be used in **acute terminal** research studies if their use does not adversely affect the animal's well-being or compromise the validity of the scientific study.

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Expired medical materials must be disposed of or should be segregated in an appropriately labeled container, physically separate from non-expired medical materials.

Note: If drugs or medical materials have an expiration date noting only a month and year, the expiration is the last day of the month indicated.

5. *References*

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3. National Institutes of Health: Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm>).
4. The Federation of Animal Science Societies: Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching, 3rd Edition, 2010 (http://www.fass.org/docs/agguide3rd/Ag_Guide_3rd_ed.pdf).

6. *Definitions*

1. AV – Attending Veterinarian – responsible for the health and well-being of all laboratory animals used at the institution
2. AVMA – American Veterinary Medical Association – a not-for-profit organization for advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health
3. SOP – Standard Operating Procedure – established or prescribed methods to be followed routinely for the performance of designated operations or in designated situations
4. IACUC – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – responsible for assessment and oversight of the institution’s animal care program components and facilities
5. Chair – Chairperson of the IACUC
6. PI – Principal Investigator – a Central Oregon Community College employee having the background and training in scientific and administrative oversight necessary to conduct and manage the proposed study



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7. AUP – Animal Care and Use Protocol – protocol created by the principal investigator of the proposed research, testing, or educational study
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9. COCC – Central Oregon Community College
10. Guide – the *Guide for the Care and use of Laboratory Animals*
11. AWA – Animal Welfare Act – requires that minimum standards of care and treatment be provided for certain animals bred for commercial sale, used in research, transported commercially, or exhibited to the public
12. PHS – Public Health Service – establishes guidelines for the proper care of animals to be used in research
13. Clinical veterinarian – the Attending Veterinarian or designee

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