



Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Identification of Animals in Research, Euthanasia of Animals with Inadequate ID Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure, as much as possible, the comfort and safekeeping of animals used in research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Einstein).

II. Scope

This policy applies to all research experiments and programs at Einstein.

III. Policy

1. Identification information is needed for census and per diem billing, to ensure animals are under an approved protocol, and to identify a responsible person who can be notified in case of a problem.
2. Cages must be identified, at minimum, with the name of the principal investigator, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocol number, and animal identification information (such as species/strain, genotype, sex, etc.). Cage cards for animals arriving from approved vendors include the following information: the name of the Principal Investigator (PI) and that of the contact person (collaborator, post-doctoral associate, laboratory technician, if appropriate), department, contact phone number, protocol number, animal order reference number, source, strain designation, sex, age or birth date, and arrival date. All of this information is useful and will ideally be present on all cage cards throughout the facility. The number of animals and any significant dates (such as surgery) should also be included.
3. Cages not identified with the name of the PI will be tagged by the Institute for Animal Studies (IAS) with an orange, numbered "Inadequate Identification" card. Animals are subject to euthanasia by IAS if the inadequacy is not rectified within 2 weeks of notification.

IV. Definitions

None.



V. Effective Date

Effective as of: 20 February 2018.

VI. Policy Management and Responsibilities

Einstein's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is the Responsible Office under this Policy. The Institutional Official for the IACUC is the Responsible Executive for this policy. The IACUC Chairperson is the Responsible Officer for the management of this policy.

VII. Approved (or Revised)

	
_____ Institutional Official	_____ Date

Revision dates: 2/20/2002, 6/15/2011, 4/29/2014, 2/20/18