



POLICY

TITLE:	Laboratory Animal Drug Formulary
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Responsible Department:	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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Purpose of Policy: To ensure that medications administered to laboratory animals are made in accordance with the guidelines established by the Attending Veterinarian.

Policy: Any deviation from the dose, route or frequency of drug administration previously approved for use in laboratory animals in an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocol must be made in accordance with the IACUC's [Laboratory Animal Drug Formulary](#) and in consultation with the Attending Veterinarian (AV). **Doses established by the formulary are derived either from standard veterinary practices, which in most cases are supported by texts, or published research. Investigators must consult with, and obtain the approval of, the AV prior to administering to a laboratory animal any medication or other foreign substance that is not listed in the drug formulary or prior to administering a dose of any medication or other foreign substance that is not listed in the formulary.** Per IACUC Policy 2014-048, Changes to Approved Protocols, the AV may administratively approve such changes provided that the consultation with the AV is documented.