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SUBJECT: Medical Surveillance Program for Animal Users	Effective Date: 07/26/2024	Policy Number: 10.4.21	
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	Responsible Authorities: Principal Investigator Vice President, Research Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Associate Vice President for Research, Research Integrity Assistant Vice President for Research, Comparative Medicine		

- I. Background
In accordance with the [PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) and the [Animal Welfare Act](#) all personnel using animals in research, teaching, or testing as well as individuals having occupational exposure to animals are required to participate in an occupational health program.
- II. Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance regarding FAU's Medical Surveillance Program (MSP) as it applies to personnel listed on approved IACUC protocols as having contact with animals.
- III. Definitions
 - 1. **Full Participation in FAU's Medical Surveillance Program** for animal users includes completion of all forms, an in-person medical evaluation, and final medical clearance as described on the EH&S Medical Surveillance Program website (<https://www.fau.edu/ehs/safety/ohs/oh/msp/index3/>).
 - 2. **Animal User** for the purpose of this policy includes all personnel listed on approved IACUC protocols as having contact with animals.
- IV. General Statement
FAU's IACUC is responsible for ensuring that all animal users as defined in this policy comply with the federal regulations, including the Animal Welfare Act, the

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Public Health Service Policy (PHS) and are consistent with the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

V. Policy

FAU's Medical Surveillance Program for animal users is managed by EH&S. All animal users as defined in this policy are required to fully participate in this program. Failure to fully participate in FAU's MSP may result in suspension of animal use privileges.

VI. Accountability

The Principal Investigator (PI) will be responsible for:

- Assuring that all personnel listed on their approved IACUC protocols as having animal contact fully participate in FAU's Medical Surveillance Program for animal users.

The IACUC will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that all animal users as defined in this policy participate in FAU's Medical Surveillance Program for animal users.
- Communicating and collaborating with EH&S regarding changes and revisions to the Medical Surveillance Program as it applies to animal users as defined in this policy.

The Research Integrity (RI) / IACUC office will be responsible for:

- Administrative support of the IACUC members to facilitate their regulatory function.
- Maintaining policy and assure regular review and update as necessary by the IACUC.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will be responsible for:

- Development, implementation, and oversight of the Medical Surveillance Program for Animal Research and the Animal Research Health and Safety Plan as a part of FAU's Occupational Health Program
- Communicating and collaborating with the IACUC regarding changes and revisions to the Medical Surveillance Program as it applies to animal users as defined in this policy.

VII. Procedures

All animal users as defined in this policy must participate in FAU's Medical Surveillance Program for animal users. Failure to fully participate in FAU's MSP may result in suspension of animal use privileges.

Initial participation and annual renewal:

Participation includes completion of all forms, an in-person medical evaluation, and final medical clearance. Instructions for participating in the Medical Surveillance Program for animal users can be found on the [Occupational Health Program website](#).

Annual renewal of participation in the Medical Surveillance Program for animal users is required. Instructions for annual renewals can be found on the [Occupational Health Program website](#).

A new Risk Assessment Form must be submitted when there is a significant or material change in:

- Personal medical condition
- Personnel work tasks
- Species handled

VIII. Policy Renewal Date
7/26/2027

IX. References

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4. FAU's EH&S Environmental Health and Safety Policy #PLN01
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5. FAU University Occupational Health Program Initial Risk Assessment Questionnaire: <https://www.fau.edu/ehs/documents/ohraf.pdf>
6. FAU EH&S Environmental Health and Safety Policy #MAN10
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7. FAU's Environmental Health and Safety Occupational Health Website:
<https://www.fau.edu/ehs/>

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