

**California State University, Stanislaus  
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
SOP: IACUC Procedures to Suspend, Inactivate or Terminate a Protocol**

**Purpose**

The IACUC has the authority and responsibility to suspend, inactivate and/or terminate any protocol at any time that it feels such action is warranted. An Investigator/Instructor may also voluntarily inactivate or terminate a protocol.

**Voluntary Process:**

- The Investigator/Instructor notifies the IACUC of his/her decision to inactivate or terminate a protocol by submitting a memo.
- The Investigator/Instructor has the responsibility to report to the IACUC any unanticipated events and to voluntarily interrupt the protocol until appropriate changes in the protocol can be approved by the IACUC.

**Involuntary Process:**

- The IACUC may suspend an activity that it previously approved if it determines that the activity is not being conducted in accordance with University policy.
- The IACUC may suspend an activity only after review of the matter at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC and with the suspension vote of a majority of the quorum present.
- Following the IACUC decision to suspend a protocol, the IACUC Administrator shall notify the Investigator/Instructor, the Institutional Official and the Investigator/Instructor's Department Chair of the suspension.