

Colorado State University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

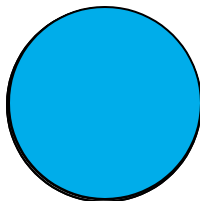
Policy on Expiration Dates of Pharmaceuticals in Research Animals

It is the responsibility of the Colorado State University (CSU) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure judicious and humane use of animals used in its teaching and research programs that is consistent with federal requirements* and CSU's highest ethical standards.

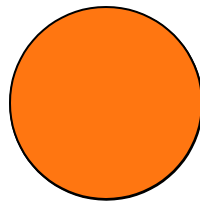
The *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* and the USDA Animal Welfare Act prohibit the use of expired substances on research animals.

All pharmaceuticals used for research animals must be clearly labeled with the expiration date as outlined below to easily identify the expiration dates.

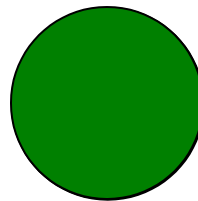
- Upon receipt the containers are labeled with a color-coded sticker to indicate the year the agent expires.¹



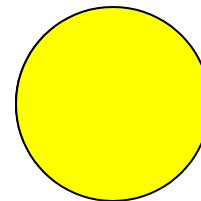
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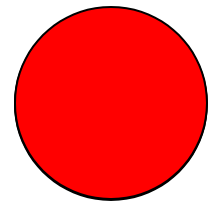
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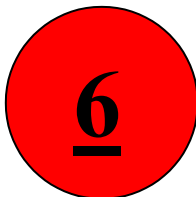


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- The numerical designation of the month of expiration is written on the sticker. For example, 1 is used to denote January, 2- February, 3- March, etc.
- Place the sticker in a clearly visible location on the container. In this example, the compound expires June 2028.



¹ See Attachment: Sticker Colors and Years.

***Pertinent Regulations:**

[OLAW FAQs, Section F: Animal Use and Management, #5](#)

Institutional Endorsement

The “Policy on Expiration Dates of Pharmaceuticals in Research Animals” approved by the IACUC on November 28, 2023 for recommendation to the Institutional Official supports the research, teaching and service mission of Colorado State University, and ensures that the welfare of animal subjects used therein will be protected. Therefore, as the Institutional Official, I declare the IACUC-recommended policy to be the institutional policy of the Colorado State University Animal Care and Use Program.

 12/1/23
Institutional Official Date