

**IACUC11 TITLE: Closing Expired Animal Protocols**

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Expired animal protocols are closed by DFCI's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to reduce risk of non-compliance, such as animal work initiated post-expiration or animal orders placed post-expiration. Expired protocols will be closed **six months after expiration** following a vote of a majority of a quorum of the IACUC. (Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the IACUC.)

When the IACUC votes to close an expired animal protocol, the Principal Investigator (PI) and Institutional Official (IO) will be notified within 5 business days. The PI will then have the option to resubmit the closed protocol as a new protocol and can contact the IACUC Office ([dfci\\_iacuc@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:dfci_iacuc@dfci.harvard.edu)) for a copy of the closed protocol and its supplemental documentation to facilitate writing a new protocol.