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Dear Colleagues,

In an effort to better serve our research community, the IACUC announces the reinstatement of our Post Approval Monitoring, or PAM program. The purpose of this program is two-fold. First, the IACUC has the responsibility to conduct continuing review of approved activities to ensure regulatory compliance. Second, and more importantly, the IACUC has both the obligation and privilege to support our research community, to further the strategic plan and fundamental goals of the University, and to provide the best care possible for the animal models so vital to these efforts. The IACUC would like to take this opportunity to stress that this program is not designed to identify and punish noncompliance or to become the “animal police.” Rather it is to identify and foster positive behavior leading to a collaborative atmosphere where the ultimate goal is to promote, encourage, and support outstanding animal-based research.

Leading these efforts is the Associate Director of IACUC Office, Dr. David Martin. This position is newly created and was established, in large part, to act as a liaison between the faculty, IACUC, and the Animal Care programs. For those of you who do not know him, Dr Martin brings a unique and invaluable perspective to this position. David received his PhD degree from the University of Kentucky, and did his postdoctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University. In both cases, he utilized transgenic and gene-targeted mouse models to study T cell development and repertoire selection. David came to Emory in 1998 as the Director of the Transgenic Mouse and Gene Targeting Core Facility, and as an Assistant professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. In 2009 he left that position to become the Director of the Cancer Animal Models Core in the Winship Cancer Institute, and transferred his academic position to the Department of Hematology and Oncology. David has also served as a member of the Emory IACUC committee from 2008-2014, and acted as a scientific vice-chair on the committee from 2011-2014. Since his hire, he has thoroughly evaluated past PAM efforts here at Emory and has reviewed regulatory requirements and “best practice” from several other institutions. The result of this effort is the development and approval of a detailed policy for PAM, which is included [here](#). The purpose of this exacting approach is to achieve an appropriate balance between regulatory compliance and an Emory based approach that will best assist and guide our research community. A more collaborative partnership as detailed here will result in better animal care, more productive and effective conduct of scientific research, and with the least degree of regulatory burden.

In an effort to both establish the PAM program specifically, as well as to foster outreach and collaborative interactions more generally, David would like to invite groups of interested faculty and staff to contact him to schedule meeting or presentation times. In an effort to reach as many members of the research community as possible, he would encourage these to be departmental or unit wide when feasible, but he will also be available to meet with small groups or individual PI's. Again, our goal in these efforts is to establish stronger interactive collaborations, increase the accessibility of the IACUC to the research community, and to provide educational opportunities for all. The goal of the IACUC is to partner with



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investigators in their research efforts. We believe that with the implementation of these new policies under David's direction the IACUC has taken a major new step in that direction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact any of the undersigned for questions, comments, or concerns. However, please direct all meeting requests to [David](#) directly.

Sincerely,

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