

Introduction of the New ERMS-IACUC Module is Almost Here!

We are excited to announce that the ERMS-IACUC module will be operational beginning **October 14, 2024!** Our gratitude extends to all animal researchers and study teams who contributed to its development and training, ensuring it fulfills our research community's requirements. This innovative system will streamline animal research protocol management, enhance protocol review transparency, establish a personal library for investigators' protocol procedures and substances, and integrate with existing ERMS Agreements, COI, as well as upcoming Grants and Animal Operations modules.

Please take note of these key points for a seamless transition to ERMS-IACUC:

- All IACUC related items will be submitted within ERMS-IACUC beginning October 14, 2024.
- From **September 10th until October 11th:**
 - The ARC Office will finalize any outstanding tasks in the current ORCA system.
 - All active IACUC studies involving animals will be migrated to the new ERMS-IACUC module for access by study teams upon launch.
 - Current ORCA Delegates will be assigned as Proxies in ERMS-IACUC with full access and editing privileges available at launch.
- The final date for submitting progress reports/triennial reviews and amendments in ORCA is **September 20th.**

- Between **September 10th and October 11th** : If you have a new study submission, contact the ARC Office directly for assistance in entering your study in ERMS prior to launch.
- Any ORCA business items currently in DRAFT status must be submitted prior to **September 20th**.
 - Submissions in DRAFT status will not be transferred to ERMS. Please contact the ARC office for assistance.
- Animal transfers will continue to occur in ORCA throughout this transition period. Additional details to follow.

NOTE: Emergency, time-sensitive requests for all business items will continue to be processed between September 20th and October 11th . You must contact the ARC Office @ 210-567-8260 to ensure proper processing of any emergency requests during this time.

ERMS-IACUC Training:

- The ARC Office is providing an ERMS-IACUC Training Forum on **October 1, 2024**. Additional details to follow.
- One-on-one, on-demand ERMS-IACUC training is available. Please contact the ARC Office for scheduling.

For more information, check out our [ERMS](#) information page, where you can find resources on all ERMS modules.

Should you have any inquiries about ERMS-IACUC or the transition process, please direct them to ARC@uthscsa.edu.

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