

SOP:	110.4	Withdrawal or Suspension of AREB Approval
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Subject:	To describe the authority and process of the AREB to withdraw or suspend approval of research protocols already given AREB approval.	
Related Documents	SOP 109; SOP RS 111	

1. The AREB may suspend or withdraw ethical approval if a project is not being, or cannot be, conducted in accordance with the approved protocol.
2. The AREB may stop any objectionable procedure if it considers that unnecessary or excessive distress or pain is being experienced by an animal.
3. The AREB may immediately suspend or withdraw ethical approval of a project, and stop animal use, if animals are used in a way that deviates from the approved use, are subjected to any non-approved procedure, or due to any procedure causing unforeseen pain or distress.
4. The AREB may have an animal humanely euthanized if pain or distress to the animal is not part of the approved protocol.
5. The AREB may suspend or withdraw ethical approval of a project, and stop animal use, if any of the investigators are considered to have engaged in serious misconduct or the project has failed to comply with any conditions imposed by the AREB, including monitoring requirements.
6. The AREB will advise the Office of Research Services and the Senior Administrator Responsible for the Animal Care and Use Program, of any decisions to withdraw or suspend ethical approval of any project. These offices may advise the AREB on the following actions and decide if further action is warranted depending on the circumstances.
7. The Consulting Veterinarian has the sole authority to act on behalf of the committee and implement the measures noted in sections 2, 3, and 4 without prior consultation with either researchers or the AREB if they deem it necessary. The Consulting Veterinarian will make a recommendation to the committee on how to proceed if sections 1, 5, and/or 6 are enacted, however decisions in these cases will be made by a vote of the AREB.

Previous Versions

SOP Number	Date Effective	Summary of Changes
110.1	03-2011	
110.2	11-2016	Minor textual edits
110.3	10-2019	Administrative updates
110.3	10-2021	Reviewed, no changes.
110.4	10-2024	Generic administrative position