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| **SOP:** | **110.3** | **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 stop immediately the use of any animals which deviates from the approved use, any non-approved procedure, or any procedure causing unforeseen pain or distress to animals.
4. The AREB may have an animal euthanized humanely if pain or distress caused to the animal is not part of the approved protocol.
5. The AREB may suspend or withdraw ethical approval of a project 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 Research Office and the Associate Vice-President, Research, of any decisions to withdraw or suspend ethical approval of any project. These offices may advise the AREB on 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 how to proceed in the event that sections 1, 5, and/or 6 are enacted, however decisions in these cases will be made by a vote of the AREB.

**Previous Versions**

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