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IG022: USE OF PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

The IACUC recognizes that a protocol represents the Principal Investigator's (PI) plan at the time of submission and that these plans are subject to change as work progresses. Therefore, the IACUC allows the PI professional judgment in the conduct of research projects with the caveat that procedures and activities cannot be added or significantly modified without prior approval.

A PI can do less work than described in the approved protocol, but not more; e.g., if approved to perform 5 radiographs, the PI can conduct 4 radiographs if, in his/her professional judgment, there is no need to perform 5. A 6th radiograph, however, cannot be performed without prior approval from the IACUC. Similarly, approval to draw a specific amount of bodily fluids means that the PI can draw up to that amount but no more, but can draw less if, in his/her professional judgment, there is no need to draw more.

Contact the IACUC staff at 517-432-8103 for further information and/or clarification.