USE OF EXPIRED MEDICAL MATERIALS

In survival surgical procedures: The use of expired medical materials (e.g., drugs, fluids, sutures, anesthetics, sedatives, or analgesics) during any survival surgical procedure on an animal is not considered acceptable veterinary practice and therefore not consistent with adequate veterinary care as required by the Animal Welfare Act, PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the Guide for the Care and Use of Animals, or the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching.

In nonsurvival surgical procedures: Expired medical materials except analgesics, sedatives, anesthetics, and euthanasia solutions, may be used in nonsurvival procedures where an animal is anesthetized during the study and euthanized without recovery if such use does not adversely affect the animal's well-being or compromise the validity of the scientific study.

Proper anesthesia and euthanasia are required for all such procedures. All expired medical materials must be stored in a location separate from non-expired medical materials and labeled “for use in terminal procedures only”.