**How long does it take for an animal care/use submission to be reviewed and approved?**

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1. All new (including 3-year continuation) applications where proposed animal use activities could cause more than momentary animal pain and/or distress must first be discussed with the Attending Veterinarian (AV) PRIOR to submission to the IACUC. Please allow 1-2 business weeks for initial AV consultation.

2. If there are no special considerations or requests associated with the application (i.e. performing research at a USDA pain/distress Category E level or requesting exceptions to regulatory/institutional policies) applications are then distributed to the full IACUC electronically for initial review and determination of formal review process (e.g. review by a Designated Member Reviewer [DMR] or Full Committee Review [FCR] at a convened meeting). Depending on the review process chosen, further review could take an additional 2-4 weeks. The IACUC meets on a monthly basis. Please see [IACUC Meeting Schedule](#) to view the current meeting dates and submission deadlines.

3. Be aware that the review times mentioned here are average times and the review may take longer depending on how quickly investigators work with the IACUC and Office of Research Compliance to resolve questions and respond to review comments. Investigators are asked to carefully consider their research schedule and allow adequate time for IACUC review. Animal research may not begin until IACUC approval is obtained.

**Info**

For additional questions or clarification contact the IACUC Compliance Program Manager at uncc-iacuc@uncc.edu or at 704-687-1872.

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