

# ***SUMMARY of CHANGE***

USMRDC Command Policy 2016-30

Animal Research Involving Wounding

This administrative revision, dated 15 January 2020:

- Makes minor administrative edits to improve wording and flow thru-out the document
- Changes title to "Animal Research and Medical Training Involving Wounding"
- Updated policy number from Policy 2016-30 to USAMRDC Policy 84.
- Deletes non-relevant references a, b, & c
- Updates title of reference a (DoD Instruction 3216.01) to current title
- Updates all references from MRMC to MRDC
- Adds wording ("the body's") to be consistent with the wording of the definition in DoDi 3216.01 (paragraph 3)
- Updates dates thru-out document
- Adds wording to clarify that wounding of dogs, cats, primates, and marine mammals using a weapon is prohibited for training but may be permissible for RDT&E following ACURO approval. (Paragraph 4a-4b)
- Adjusts wording to clarify that the institution will forward protocols that involve wounding and modifications to those protocols to ACURO for approval (paragraph 4c and 5)
- Updates contact information for the POC (paragraph 6)
- Updated signature block



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1. References:

a. DoD Instruction 3216.01 (Use of Animals in DoD Conducted and Supported Research and Training).

b. AR 40-33 (The Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in DoD Programs).

2. Purpose. To establish the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) policy for conducting research, development, testing, evaluation, or training with animals that involves inflicting wounds using any type of weapon.

3. Applicability and Scope. This memorandum is applicable to all subordinate units assigned to USAMRDC. For the purpose of this policy, a wound is defined as "an injury or damage usually restricted to those caused by physical means with disruption of normal continuity of the body's structures." A weapon is defined as "a device (e.g., a club, knife, gun, or directed energy) used to injure, defeat, or destroy" (per DoDI 3216.01).

4. Policy:

a. The purchase or use of dogs, cats, nonhuman primates, or marine mammals to inflict wounds upon using any type of weapon for the purpose of conducting training in surgical or other medical treatment procedures is prohibited.

b. The purchase or use of dogs, cats, nonhuman primates, or marine mammals to inflict wounds upon using a weapon for the purpose of conducting medical research, development, testing, or evaluation must be approved by the USAMRDC Animal Care & Use Review Office (ACURO) prior to initiation.

c. The purchase or use of live animals, other than those described in paragraph 4.a., for the purpose of inflicting wounds upon using any type of weapon to conduct

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medical research, development, testing, evaluation, or training protocol is permitted following review and approval by the USAMRDC ACURO.

5. Implementation. The institution will forward to ACURO any protocols or modifications to protocols involving the activities described in paragraph 4.b and c. The Institutional Official will ensure that work does not begin on the protocol or modification until written ACURO approval is received.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is COL Dawn Fitzhugh, Director, ACURO, USAMRDC, 301-619-2145, DSN 343-2145, or dawn.c.fitzhugh.mil@mail.mil.

  
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