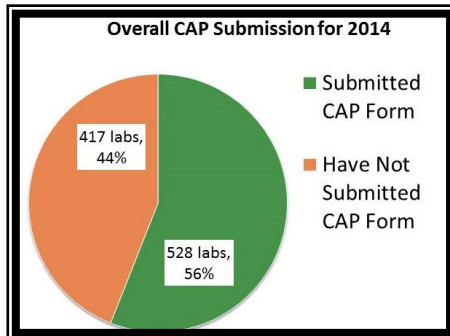




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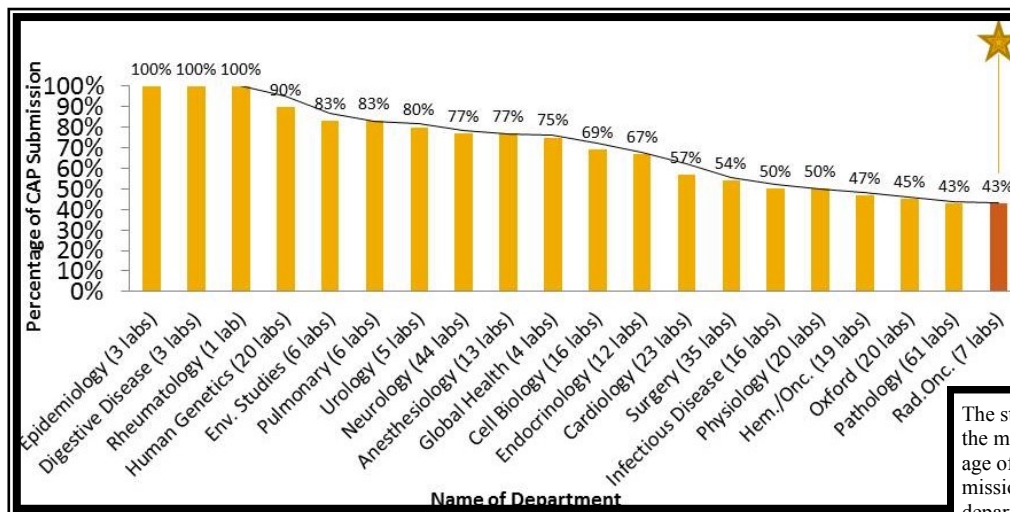
Laboratory Self-Inspection Corrective Action Plan



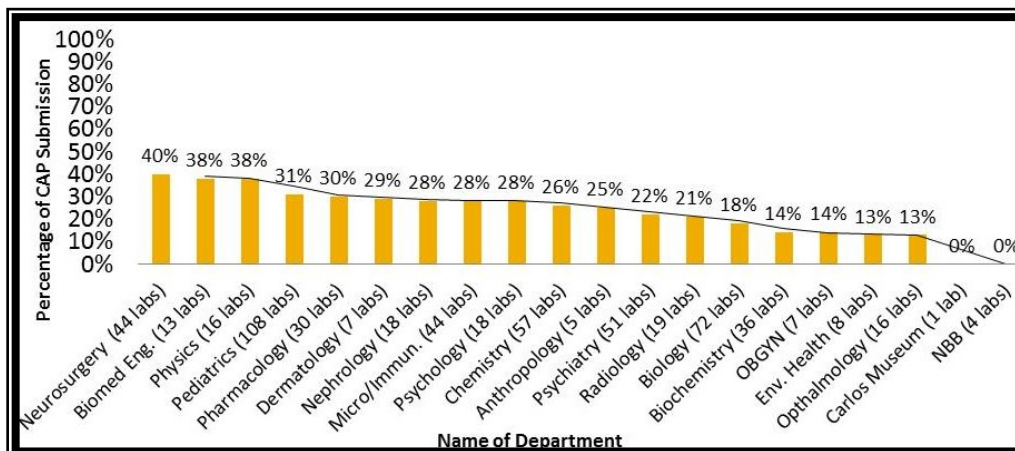
Each year, the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) requires all Emory labs to conduct a laboratory self-inspection. The Self-Inspection is a method we use to enable labs to become more familiar with safety requirements. We also want to improve the labs' ability to proactively address common safety issues. Labs in each research building are required to complete and submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) form to EHSO. Once we receive a lab's CAP Form, we document that the lab has completed their annual self-inspection.

The charts above and below show the overall percentage of labs that have submitted the CAP for Inspection Cycle 2014 and the percentage of labs by department who have completed Lab Self-Inspection.

2014 Self-Inspection Participation by Department



The star indicates the median percentage of CAP Submission across the departments.



Training

Most of EHSO's Trainings are available online. ehso.emory.edu

Rad Safety Training
2nd Tuesdays at 10:00am (monthly)

Lab Safety Training
3rd Thursdays at 10:00am (monthly)

Chemical/ Radioactive Waste

[Full Schedule here...](#)
All **chemical** waste pick up should be requested by emailing chemwaste@emory.edu

All **radioactive** waste pick up should be requested via EHS Assist pick-up.
Chemical waste disposal inventory form and/or **radioactive** waste inventory form should accompany all waste containers at the time of pick-up.

PPE

Choice to be based on potential exposures involved:
Eye: Glasses, goggles & face shields
Gloves: Appropriate for the type of procedure
Clothing: Gowns, lab coats, aprons, coveralls
Respirators: Appropriate for the type of procedure

Sharps Safety Reminder for Working in DAR

Each year EHSO conducts inspections of the Animal Facilities on campus. While conducting inspections within DAR, we observed recapped needles within the sharps containers. We also observed syringes inside of the regular trash cans. EHSO requires lab personnel to properly dispose of sharps in the laboratory and also within the animal facility. The purpose of this practice is to reduce the likelihood of work-related accidents/illnesses. Sharps containers are available in each room within the animal facility. Examples of the types of sharps that should be placed into the sharps container include:

- * Razors
- * Scalpels
- * Microhematocrit Tubes
- * Syringes (with and without needles)



Keep yourself safe & be mindful of the safety of others
**All sharps MUST be disposed of in
 an approved sharps container -
 NOT a Trashcan!**

Eye Wash Testing

Eyewash Stations should be tested and documented once a month by lab personnel

Certifications

Biosafety Cabinets, Geiger Meters and Chemical Fume Hoods:

Certifications are required annually.

Fire Extinguishers

Visual fire extinguisher inspections must be conducted monthly:

- A. Is it present and mounted in its proper location?
- B. Is it readily accessible?
- C. Initial and date attached tag.

If it appears to need servicing contact the Maintenance HELP line at 7-7463

Tell us how we are doing!

The newsletter has a new home. Every individual article is now hosted online at blogs.emory.edu/labratnews/

Got something to share? [Tell us!](#) Post comments, related articles/links, and safety concerns.

Feel free to also send your comments to bi-ospace@emory.edu.

We look forward to reading your ideas and comments!

Building Liaisons

[Click here](#) to find your building's Radiation and Research liaisons.

GA Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) Inspection Update

In June of this year, GA DNR visited Emory's campus for an inspection regarding our Radioactive Materials License. The recent inspection of Emory by GA DNR identified one deficiency in our practices. GA DNR requires those who supervise radioactivity users to have documentation of completed refresher training in order to maintain compliance with the Radiation Safety Manual commitments.

Refresher training notices have been sent to comprehensively advise those who may need to take refresher training because they are responsible for a lab that uses radioactivity. Refresher training must be completed every three years through Emory Learning Management System (ELMS).

We recognize researchers at Emory are careful to comply with the radioactive material rules. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring Emory is a safe workplace.

Please contact your building liaison or the Radiation Safety Officer at 7-5922 if you have any questions.

Please Read—

Signature indicates: I have read and I understand the information in this issue of Lab Rat Newsletter. Use an additional sheet of paper for more signatures, if needed and attach to this document.

- This newsletter is a tool to help fulfill a legal requirement for ongoing safety training.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that individuals in their area have read and understood the information that applies to their area.
- The signed newsletter should be placed into the PIs EHSO Lab Safety Binder.

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