Institutional Approaches: Raising Awareness and Educating about DURC

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• All investigators are required to submit Notice of intent (NOI) describing research to be conducted
• NOI has a separate section titled Dual Use Screening
Current Process of Review

• All applications with rDNA work is reviewed by Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) based on NIH requirement

• All other non rDNA applications are reviewed by Research Health and Safety Committee (RHSC)
Dual Use Research of Concern

- Currently Emory University is not a Select Agent Approved site
- The Emory-UGA Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) is one of five national Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) funded by NIH/NIAID
- Low pathogenic influenza strains used for research
Ongoing Education and Awareness

Our research staff

• Online training
• Monthly newsletters
• Face-to-face training
• PI meetings
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Support Staff – Biosafety / Research Safety Staff / IBC-RHSC

• Ongoing education
• Extreme need for collaboration with our research staff
• Research presentations to the IBC-RHSC