Request, Redeem, Revive: A BSO's Path to Validation

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Introduction

Goals for attending the Canadian Biosafety Symposium





Paradigms

Holding Up Research Upholding Up Research





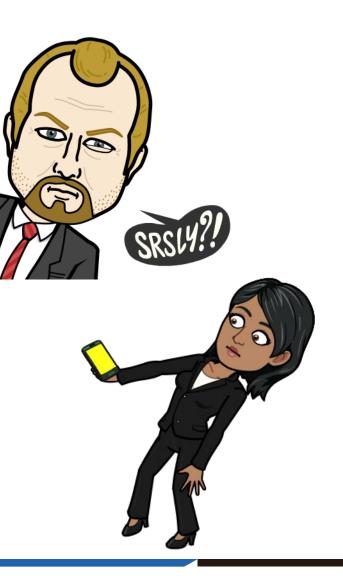
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Case Comparison

A tale of two incidents

- Same infectious agent
- Similar procedures
- Same tool
- Same injury
- Same department
- 5 months apart





First Incident

First Researcher – in the system and with the program.

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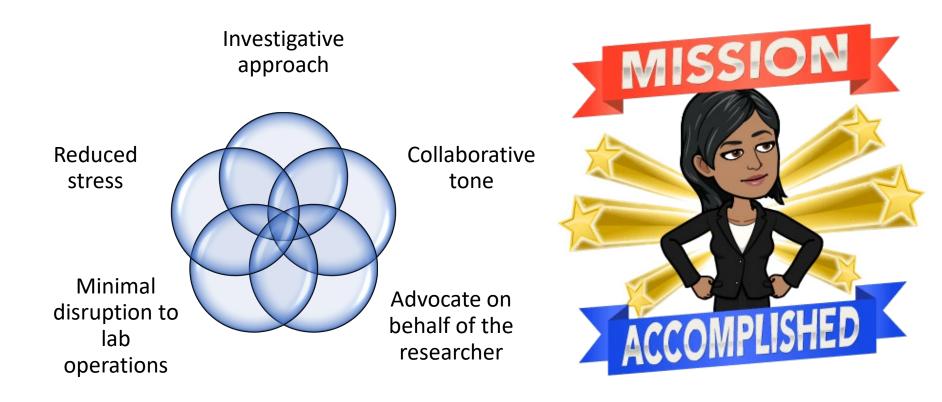






First Incident

First Researcher – The Payout



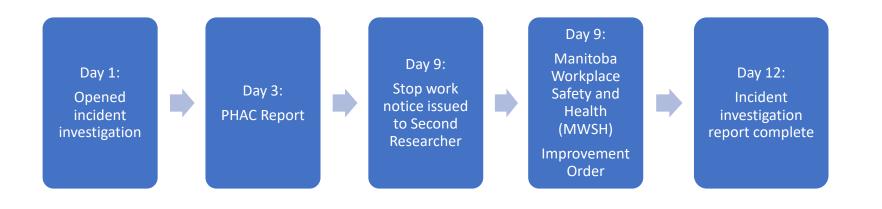


Second incident

Second Researcher – in the system but not with the program



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Second incident... cont'd





Redemption What did we learn as BSOs

- Example of how our program can advocate for compliant researchers.
 - Work involved if BSOs are absent/no biosafety program
- The outcome of this incident reiterated how we're all in this together.





Revival

Our "cylinder of biosafety excellence" is part of a larger picture

- Collaborate with other
 programs at the institution
- Responsible Conduct of Research – funding agencies
- "Spirited" conversations with other BSOs



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