

MAIC and PAIC Negligence Guidelines

The MAIC and PAIC Research Service Centers have established processes to reinforce the attention of users to critical steps in the operation of their instruments. This process consists of emphasis during training, inclusion of warnings on training notes and SOPs, and reminders posted nearby instruments. In addition, at the time users reserve the instruments on-line, reminders of this critical information are provided.

Thus, it is expected from all authorized users of the Research Service Center facilities to follow appropriate and safe operational procedures in the manipulation of components and operation of the instruments.

Oversight or negligence in the operation, safe and proper use of the instruments that lead to repairs and/or replacement of damaged parts and components will be reported to the PI's department. Negligence cases will be reviewed and confirmed by the appropriate center's Advisory Committee.

It will be the responsibility of the PI's department to work out the payment for the repairs including the cost of any parts replacement. The department may transfer the obligation of this payment to the PI or the department may pay on behalf of the PI or get reimbursed over time from the PI's returned overhead.

The negligent user will be required to repeat training and the PI will be charged for the training. If a second negligence incident occurs, the user will be permanently suspended on the use of that particular instrument.