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IACUC Update

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New IACUC Guidelines

The IACUC recently passed several campus guidelines to provide guidance on common procedures utilized on this campus. Remember, it is your responsibility to read and understand these policies. Below is a listing of topics covered by the new guidelines:

- Guidelines for Non-Rodent Mammalian Surgical Procedures
- Guidelines for Survival Surgical Procedures in Rodents, Birds, and Cold-Blooded Vertebrates
- Guidelines for Endpoint Monitoring and Humane Termination
- Guidelines for Maintenance of Tumors and Hybridomas in Rodents
- Guidelines for Safe Anesthetic Use
- Guidelines for the Transportation of Animals on the UT-Austin Campus
- Guidelines for Blood Collection
- Guidelines for Tail Clipping in Mice
- Guidelines for the Use of Adjuvants in Antibody Production

These guidelines are posted under the "Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines" section of the IACUC website:

http://www.utexas.edu/iacuc

Welcome Back Everyone

A new academic year is here and there are lots of new faces around campus and in the lab. Use the modification form or an email to the IACUC email address to remove students that no longer work on your protocol(s) and to add new lab members.

Remember, personnel changes should be completed in real time (i.e., when people join or leave a lab) and not on an annual basis (i.e., at the time of the annual renewal).

Moving to the Biomedical Engineering Building?

Please note that if you will be performing any animal procedures in the Biomedical Engineering Building (BME), you must notify the IACUC (using the modification form, which can be emailed to the IACUC email address). The Attending Veterinarian will have to conduct an inspection of your room(s) prior to any live animal use at this new building.

NIH Animals in Research Website



The NIH is has launched a new Web site, Medical Research with Animals: For Researchers and Institutions, which provides quick access to funding opportunities focused on animals in research, resources to assist with grant writing, and training and education for animal care and use, models, and science and ethics.

Tip of the Month

All personnel listed on IACUC protocol(s) who are working with animals must complete IACUC training requirements, at a minimum, every three years.

The IACUC will not review protocol documents until all training requirements have been met.

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **September 22, 2008**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **September 10, 2008**.