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If you answered yes, then eProtocol IACUC is just for you. New protocols and third-year resubmissions may be submitted using eProtocol IACUC. If you wish to transition your paper protocol into eProtocol IACUC, you must keep your paper protocol active until your eProtocol is approved. Contact the Office of Research Support with any questions.

Inside the IACUC: Types of Protocol Review

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While Federal regulations allow for two types of review of animal use protocols: Full Committee Review (FCR) and Designated Member Review (DMR), recent guidance from the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) granted authority for a small number of items to be administratively approved.

Administrative Review: Amendment applications to existing protocols that involve certain changes not considered significant (e.g., addition of a new funding source, changes in personnel (other than PI changes), use of a new vivarium housing location, etc.) can be reviewed administratively. Typically, the turnaround time for applications undergoing administrative review ranges from a few days to a week.

Don't Forget to Cite IACUC Approval When Publishing

When publishing a paper from work that utilized vertebrate animals, remember to provide a reference that the work was approved by the IACUC. For example:

The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has approved the use of vertebrate animals under UT IACUC Protocol #xxxxxxx).

Common Deficiencies Identified During Semi-Annual Inspections

- **Poor sanitation.** Clean and sanitize animal housing, surgery and surfaces, and equipment areas regularly. Post cleaning and sanitation schedules, record dates performed.
- **Inconsistent personal protective equipment (PPE) usage.** Wear uniforms, scrubs, or laboratory coats as indicated.
- **Unsecured gas tanks.** Secure all gas tanks to prevent injury to people and animals.
- **Inadequate facility maintenance.** Repair damage to facilities, i.e., flaking paint, holes, broken lights, leaking faucets, blocked sinks, promptly.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

Allow Pop-Up Windows when using eProtocol IACUC. Pop-up blocking software prevents the eProtocol application from opening certain windows. You'll need to make sure that your browser has all pop-up blocking software disabled while using eProtocol IACUC.

For step-by-step instructions on how to configure your browser to allow pop-up windows, see:

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/eprotocol/tips.html#popup>

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **April 13, 2009**.

Please refer to the IACUC website for the appropriate deadline date(s).