

Annual Renewal Forms

Once an Animal Utilization Proposal (AUP or protocol) has been approved, the PI is responsible for keeping the protocol current. Do not ignore the warning emails that are emailed automatically from our database. Our Annual Renewal Form is very short: add the PI name, protocol number, and title, then check the appropriate boxes, list the current active personnel, and list the species and number of animals used in the last year. You can drop a signed copy in campus mail, fax a signed copy to the Office of Research Support, or email a copy to the IACUC address (preferred method).

Sample Size Estimation

During review of protocols, the IACUC considers whether the number of animals requested is reasonable for the goals of the proposed study. The IACUC recently reviewed the following article and recommends it for reading:

Eng J. 2003. Sample size estimation: How many individuals should be studied. *Radiology* 227: 309-313.

A PDF of this article is available from the IACUC Program Coordinator or by download (free) from the University of Texas Libraries. Click on the "Find a Journal" section of the UT Libraries website:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu>

Protocol Personnel

A new academic year is almost here and there will be 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 must 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).

U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training

When the *PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* was updated in 1996, the PHS endorsed the U.S. Government Principles. The U.S. Government Principles were prepared by the Interagency Research Animal Committee (IRAC). Seeks to minimize the number of animals used and the pain and distress inflicted, consistent with scientific necessity.

http://history.nih.gov/research/downloads/US_Principles.pdf

KEY QUOTE: "Unless the contrary is established, investigators should consider that procedures that cause pain or distress in human beings may cause pain or distress in other animals." Principle IV.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

What computer/browser do I need?



To access IACUC, you will need a computer with an Internet connection. If on a Windows machine, use Internet Explorer (IE) as your browser. If on a Macintosh machine, use Safari as your browser. Pop-up blocking software must be disabled (pop-ups must be allowed) while using eProtocol. See [instructions](#) for allowing pop-ups in your browser.