

IACUC Update

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
The University of Texas at Austin

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AAALAC Site Visit Complete Thank You!

From all of us (Animal Resources Center staff, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members, and Office of Research Support staff) – THANK YOU.

The University of Texas at Austin's triennial accreditation site visit with AAALAC (Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care) occurred November 18-20, 2009.

The site visitors appreciated the opportunity to work with friendly, cordial and hospitable University employees throughout the visit. Thank you to everyone involved (Principal Investigators, Laboratory Staff, etc.) in the visit.

Several campus improvements that stemmed from the site visit will be taking place over the next several months. Stay tuned!

Introducing the New and Improved Occupational Health Program

As many of you have noticed in the past few months, the campus Occupational Health Program has undergone a major facelift:

- **New Name!** The LABOHSP is now the OHP-LABS:

Occupational Health Program –
Laboratory Animal and Biomedical
Services
- **Dedicated Staff!** The OHP-LABS has several staff members, including two Occupational Health Nurses:

Adrienne Howarth-Moore
Henry Guevara
- **New Location!** All OHP-LABS forms (Risk/Health Assessment) should be submitted to mailcode **A9250** or may be faxed to (512) 471-2666. Forms may also be dropped off in person to **NOA 3.214**.

<http://www.utexas.edu/hr/current/services/ohp.html>



ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/22/09 – 01/03/10

The Office of Research Support (IACUC Office) will be closed Tuesday, December 22, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010. No protocol processing will occur during this time period. For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

eProtocol Tip of the Month

When do I need to retake my training?

The IACUC requires all personnel that conduct any research and/or teaching that involves handling, manipulating, or performing procedures on live vertebrate animals, whether in the laboratory or in the field to complete certain online training (see the training page of the IACUC website for details). **Protocols will not be reviewed until all personnel listed on a protocol are current with their training.** If you are using eProtocol IACUC, you will not be able to submit any protocol actions (new, revisions, renewals) until all personnel are current with their training.

Refresher training for both Principal Investigators (PIs) and protocol personnel is required every three (3) years.

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **January 11, 2010**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **December 18, 2009**.

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