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Semi-Annual Inspections: This Week and Next

REMINDER: The semi-annual inspections of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **May 17 - 24, 2010**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for experiments.

- ✓ An inspection schedule is attached.
- ✓ Prepare for the visit by using the "Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklist" on the "Forms" page of the IACUC website.

Building Flexibility into Your Animal Utilization Proposal (AUP) (or Protocol) Forms

In order to maintain compliance and the flexibility needed in the conduct of animal studies, it is recommended that your AUP/protocol be written with a range of justifiable options to use.

For euthanasia, list several acceptable options, e.g., CO₂ (followed by cervical dislocation), pentobarbital overdose, etc.

For blood collection, give a range of acceptable amounts, frequencies, and intervals, e.g., 0.05-0.10 µL of blood will be drawn from the facial vein every 1 to 3 days for up to 14 days.

For study endpoints, give maximum times or markers, e.g., animals will be euthanized no later than 3 weeks after administration of test article depending on animal condition and study progress.

For behavioral tests or radiographic examinations, give a range of timing and frequency, e.g., an x-ray will be taken 2-6 times during the 10-30 days following the procedure.

The flexible options you build into an AUP/protocol should be based on appropriate study design and reasonable choices, but careful planning at the time of AUP completion can help minimize the need for protocol amendments in the future.

Remember to Update Protocol Personnel Lists

School is out for the summer: Be sure to update your protocol(s) personnel listing.

For eProtocols: you must initiate the personnel revision online by beginning a protocol REVISION. Don't forget to actually submit the REVISION to the IACUC for review and approval.

For Legacy Protocols: All personnel changes for Legacy Protocols (e.g., paper protocols) must use the Protocol Personnel Modification Form (PPMF) to add or remove personnel.

Remember, personnel changes should be submitted in **real-time**, e.g., when people join or leave a lab and not on an annual basis, e.g., at the time of the annual protocol update.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

My protocol has been reviewed by the IACUC and I received an email requesting clarification or additional information. What do I do???

Check your email regularly. You will receive an email for each major event in the review process. To access the comments, go to: <https://jerry.orsc.utexas.edu/iacuc>. Once there, you will need to:

1. Make the adjustments to the protocol itself (click **Get Protocol** to open up a new window with the protocol).
2. Respond to the comments (don't forget to click **Save** after each response).
3. Click **Submit to IACUC** to send your responses back to the IACUC.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **June 14, 2010**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **May 21, 2010**.

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TO: All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel
FROM: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
DATE: April 20, 2010
SUBJECT: Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facilities Inspection

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the semi-annual inspection of the Institution's animal facilities from **May 17-24, 2010**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for experiments. The "Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklist" should be used to facilitate your laboratory preparation for the semi-annual facility inspections and is a good resource to keep your laboratory in tip-top shape.

Please post the name(s) and best contact method (e.g., lab phone, cell phone, etc.) of a knowledgeable person that will be present and able to answer questions during the inspections.

May 2010 Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Monday, May 17, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)	Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	Thursday, May 20, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BIO, BME, PAI, PHR SEA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6, Roof	Friday, May 21, 2010 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pickle Research Campus	Monday, May 24, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. MBB, NMS
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	Monday, May 24, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1

Do not hesitate to contact the Office of Research Support if you have any questions or need any additional information. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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