

# IACUC Update

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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 **November 4-17, 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.

## eProtocol Tip of the Month

### What is the best way to describe a terminal tissue harvest in the procedures section?

We frequently receive this question. If tissues need to be collected while the animal is still alive (e.g., under anesthesia) then the protocol needs to describe the anesthesia methods. If tissues will be collected after euthanasia, then the protocol needs to describe the harvest procedures.

To assist investigators in properly describing terminal tissue harvests, the eProtocol IACUC procedures list has been updated:

- **Tissue Harvest (non-survival under anesthesia)** should be selected for all procedures in which animals are anesthetized for tissue harvest.
- **Tissue Harvest (post-mortem after euthanasia)** should be selected for all procedures in which animals are first euthanized for tissue harvest. Because post-mortem harvest procedures occur after euthanasia, these procedures do NOT generally need to be entered into a protocol. However, the eProtocol system requires at least one procedure be entered for each protocol, so this option is made available for groups whose only manipulation of animals is tissue harvest after humane euthanasia.

## ORS Closed for Thanksgiving 11/25/10 & 11/26/10



The Office of Research Support (IACUC Office) will be closed Thursday, November 25, 2010 and Friday, November 26, 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).

## Protocol Review & Winter Break

As the semester draws to a close, the Office of Research Support (ORS) wants to share information that may be useful in planning your IACUC protocol submissions. The office will be closed beginning December 24, 2010 and will reopen January 3, 2011.

In order to assist you and ensure the ORS is able to facilitate the review of IACUC protocol submissions, protocol revisions and renewals received before December 10 will be processed before the end of business on Monday, December 21. Please note that if the documents require substantial revision, we may not be able to complete the review of those changes before the University closes. We will appreciate all you can do to avoid waiting until the last day.

Any new protocol submitted after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19 will not be reviewed until the January 10, 2011 Full Committee Review.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **December 13, 2010**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **November 19, 2010**.

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TO: All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel  
FROM: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
DATE: October 11, 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 **November 4-17, 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.

**November 2010 Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule**

(dates and times subject to change)

<b>Thursday, November 4, 2010</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute	<b>Wednesday, November 10, 2010</b> 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories
<b>Monday, November 8, 2010</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)	<b>Thursday, November 11, 2010</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3
<b>Tuesday, November 9, 2010</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	<b>Thursday, November 11, 2010</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BIO, BME, PAI, PHR SEA
<b>Tuesday, November 9, 2010</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6, Roof	<b>Monday, November 15, 2010</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. MBB, NMS
<b>Wednesday, November 10, 2010</b> 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pickle Research Campus	<b>Wednesday, November 17, 2010</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.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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