

# IACUC Update

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## Semi-Annual Facility Inspections: COMPLETE!

The November 2010 Semi-Annual Facility Inspections are complete. Thank you to everyone involved in the inspections. Your continued attention to detail helps assure a good (and compliant) Animal Care Program.

The University of Texas at Austin IACUC works hard to ensure that our Animal Care Program is the best that it can be. Thank you for doing your part in helping us achieve this goal.

## Returned Protocols

Protocols that are returned for corrections are not considered submitted. Therefore, do not wait until the protocol deadline to submit a study and expect that it will be reviewed at the next IACUC meeting.

## Want to Make Your Life Easier? Transition Your Paper Protocol into an eProtocol

If you answered yes, then eProtocol IACUC is for you. New protocols and third-year resubmissions **MUST** 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.

## A Note On Protocol Titles

Prior to every IACUC meeting, a listing of all protocols to be reviewed must be published with the Texas Secretary of State. **The IACUC highly recommends that you do not list species names, personnel names, or descriptions of invasive procedures in protocol titles.** If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Research



## ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/24/10 – 01/02/11

The Office of Research Support (IACUC Office) will be closed Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Sunday, January 2, 2011. 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 Tips of the Month

### I cannot find my protocol in eProtocol. Help!

Legacy Protocols (e.g., paper-based protocols) cannot be found in eProtocol.

Only protocols initially created in eProtocol IACUC are found in eProtocol IACUC. Your approved protocols appear on your eProtocol HOME page (the page you see when you first log in) in the section labeled **Approved Protocols**.

### Why was my protocol RETURNED?

The Office of Research Support (ORS) screens protocols for compliance with administrative requirements, readability, and completeness. Protocols are usually returned because questions have not been answered, additional details are required, grant proposals have not been uploaded, etc.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **January 10, 2011**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **December 17, 2010**.

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