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Reporting Injuries: A Word from *HealthPoint* OHP

If you are injured while performing your job duties, you should immediately inform your supervisor and seek medical evaluation, if needed.

If your injury is minor and you are located in the Austin area, please visit the *HealthPoint* Occupational Health Program (OHP) to receive first aid services, which may include: symptom evaluation, wound cleaning, tetanus booster, and certain medications to help in your recovery. For Austin employees, the *HealthPoint* OHP is conveniently located on the main campus in the North Office Building A (NOA) and is open for appointments by calling 471-4OHP (4647), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For injuries that require treatment beyond first aid, you may seek care from any provider you choose that accepts workers' compensation insurance (WCI). The *HealthPoint* OHP can assist you in making a referral to an approved WCI provider. The *HealthPoint* OHP partners with certain external providers that specialize in occupational medicine especially for lab injuries involving animal contact, chemical exposure, or biological contamination.

For major injuries that are life threatening or disabling, contact 911 and request transport to the nearest emergency room. Examples include: head injury with loss of consciousness, uncontrolled severe bleeding, major trauma, difficulty breathing, etc.

If you are a student employee, **do not** seek first aid or advanced treatment for work related injuries from University Health Services (UHS). UHS does not accept WCI.

**Happy New Year
from the
Institutional Animal Care
and Use Committee!**

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.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

Many tips for success are contained in the **eProtocol IACUC User's Guide**, available on the Forms page of the IACUC website.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **February 14, 2011**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **January 21, 2011**.

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