

IACUC Update

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Revised 'Anesthesia' Guideline

Guideline # 010 entitled "Guidelines for Safe Anesthetic Use" has recently been revised. The revisions include:

- Additional information regarding ways to reduce exposure to anesthetic gases.
- Guidance on proper methods and practices for the cleanup and disposal of liquid anesthetic agent spills.
- Information on working with anesthetic agents and pregnancy risks.

The revised guideline will be phased-in with existing protocols over the next year as revisions and renewals are submitted and reviewed by the Committee.

Guidance for the Description of Animal Research in Scientific Publications

A new report from the National Research Council serves as a resource for scientific publication editors and includes clear explanations, examples, and supporting references for the effective reporting of all major components of animal research, including aspects of animal care and use that can affect research outcomes.

To browse the report, see:
http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13241

Help for Writing Your Vertebrate Animal Section is Available on the IACUC Website

To assist investigators who house animals in the Animal Resources Center, template language and guidance has been created for you to use as you write your NIH grant proposal Vertebrate Animal Section. This document is available on the "Documents, Materials, and Forms" page of the IACUC website (<http://www.utexas.edu/iacuc>).

Semi-Annual Inspections: This Week and Next

REMINDER: The semi-annual inspections of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **September 28 - October 17, 2011**. 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.

A Friendly Reminder on Training

The IACUC requires all personnel who 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.

eProtocol IACUC will not allow submission of 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.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

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

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **November 7, 2011**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **October 14, 2011**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**
DATE: **September 13, 2011**
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 **September 28, 2011 – October 17, 2011**. 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.

Fall Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Marine Science Institute

Monday, October 3, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6, Roof

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

NMS

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Brackenridge Field Laboratories

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Pickle Research Campus

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

DPRI

Thursday, October 13, 2011

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

BIO, BME, PAI, SEA

Thursday, October 13, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MBB, NHB, PHR

Monday, October 17, 2011

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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