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Do you conduct research overseas? Check with the International Office.

The University of Texas System requires all travel to countries with U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings to be reviewed and approved by the University’s International Oversight Committee (IOC). If you anticipate international travel to any country on the Restricted Region’s List, visit IOC’s website (http://world.utexas.edu/ioc) and follow the procedures for advance reviews and approval of travel.

This policy outlines the procedures that all students, faculty, and staff must follow to ensure their international travel complies with the UT System directive. These procedures are in addition to all other requirements for travel set forth by the traveler’s department or unit.

Note that the Travel Management Services office is the primary contact for faculty and staff to restricted regions, and all questions related to the IOC policy and restricted regions travel should be directed to restricted.regions@austin.utexas.edu.

Webinar on Controlling Exposure to Laboratory Animal Allergens

Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) will host a webinar that will discuss a multitude of topics on laboratory animal allergens.

Date: March 6, 2012
Location: SER 109A
Time: 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Dennis Nolan at dnolan@austin.utexas.edu.

eProtocol Tips of the Month

I have received review comments on my protocol. When do I have to respond by?

The majority of the protocol review occurs PRIOR to the convened FCR. Two members of the IACUC are assigned as the Primary Reviewers for each protocol. Review comments (if any) will be provided in a timely manner, usually within five business days.

If the reviewers have comments, you will receive an email notification. Please review and respond to the review comments promptly. If you do not provide responses and revise your protocol, your protocol may be TABLED or NOT APPROVED at the FCR.

Remember, according to IACUC Policy 3.11, failure to respond with the IACUC’s requested clarification(s) within 60 days will result in an administrative termination of further review of the proposal by the IACUC.

My protocol has been reviewed 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 to open up a new window with the protocol).
2. Respond to the comments (don’t forget to click after each response).
3. Click to send your responses back to the IACUC.

The next Full Committee Review (FCR) is March 5, 2012.

The submission deadline for new protocols or third-year resubmissions is February 10.