

IACUC Update

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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Semi-Annual Inspections: Coming Soon

The semi-annual inspections of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **March 29, 2012 through April 16, 2012**. 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 Documents, Materials, and Forms page of the IACUC website.

Protocol Funding Sources

As part of the IACUC review, the IACUC considers whether adequate resources exist to ensure the appropriate use of animals. One way this is accomplished is to evaluate the funding sources for the proposed research.

The "Funding Sources" section of your eProtocol allows for you to indicate Funding as Sponsored Projects, Other, or No Funding.

Keep in mind that the protocol funding information should accurately reflect the funding source(s) for the specific work carried out under the protocol. Specific grant source(s) should be named if money is spent to conduct animal work contained in that grant.

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 Support.

FREE Software to Facilitate the Planning and Design of Breeding Strategies Involving Mice with Conditional Alleles

The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute (NHLBI) at NIH has recently created and published a Java-based computer program named "CAMP" to help scientists set up a breeding strategy and calculate the costs of generating conditional knockout mice:

<http://helixweb.nih.gov/CAMP/>

The software has been described in:

Hoffert JD, Pisitkun T, Miller RL.
Conditional Allele Mouse Planner (CAMP):
Software to facilitate the planning and
design of breeding strategies involving
mice with conditional alleles. *Transgenic
Res.* 2011 Aug 25 (Online Prepublication).

A PDF of this article is available from the Office of Research Support or by download from the University of Texas Libraries. Click on the "Find a Journal" section of the UT Libraries website: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/>

eProtocol Tip of the Month

Renewal forms should be submitted as soon as possible to prevent a lapse in approval.

To prevent a lapse in approval, your renewal application **must be approved prior to the expiration date**, even if there are no changes to the protocol.

You will receive two renewal reminder notices at 60 and 30 days prior to expiration. The IACUC recommends that you submit your renewal when you receive your first reminder and at the latest when you receive your FINAL reminder.

The next Full Committee Review (FCR) is
April 9, 2012.

The submission deadline for new protocols
or third-year resubmissions is **March 16.**

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**
DATE: **March 7, 2012**
SUBJECT: **Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facilities Inspection**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the spring semi-annual inspection of the Institution's animal facilities from **March 29, 2012 through April 16, 2012**. 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.

Spring Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute	Wednesday, April 4, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories
Monday, April 2, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)	Thursday, April 5, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3
Monday, April 2, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. NHB	Thursday, April 5, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	Tuesday April 10, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. BIO, BME, PAI, SEA
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6	Wednesday, April 11, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. MBB, NMS, PHR
Wednesday, April 4, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pickle Research Campus	Monday, April 16, 2012 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1

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