# **IACUC** Update

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## Submit Renewal Documents As Soon As Possible

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

To prevent a lapse in approval, your renewal application <u>must be approved prior to the expiration date</u>, 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.



# How Does the IACUC Process and Review Renewals and Revisions?

Revisions, Renewals, PMFs, and APUFs are no longer reviewed at a Full Committee Review UNLESS an IACUC member specifically requests to do so. Instead, Revisions, Renewals, PMFs, and APUFs are reviewed as they are received. Investigators usually receive a review decision within two to three weeks of submission.

#### Obtaining Past Animal Usage Reports (Renewal Form)

Do you need to look up previously reported animal usage on a protocol? If so, this information can be found by looking at your previously approved renewal forms in the protocol event history.

All active protocols can be accessed from your eProtocol dashboard by clicking on the link "Active Protocols." If your protocol has expired or has been closed, you can still access the protocol via the "Non-Active Protocols" link on your dashboard.

### AAALAC Site Visit Complete Thank You!

From all of us (Animal Resources Center staff, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members, and Office of Research Support staff) – THANK YOU.

The University of Texas at Austin's triennial accreditation site visit with AAALAC (Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care) occurred November 13-16, 2012.

The site visitors appreciated the opportunity to work with friendly, cordial, and hospitable University employees throughout the visit. Thank you to everyone involved (Principal Investigators, Laboratory Staff, Animal Care-Takers, etc.) in the visit.

Several campus improvements that stemmed from the site visit will be taking place over the next several months. Stay tuned!

#### **eProtocol Tips of the Month**

### Ensure all funded projects are listed on your approved protocol.

The Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) verifies that IACUC approval has been issued prior to releasing funds. If the funding source is not listed in your approved protocol, there may be a delay in receiving your award.

# Don't list revealing information in your protocol title.

Prior to every IACUC meeting, a listing of all protocols to be reviewed must be published with the Texas Secretary of State. Do not list species names, personnel names, or descriptions of invasive procedures in protocol titles.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **February 11, 2013**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **January 18, 2013.** 

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