

# IACUC Update

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
The University of Texas at Austin

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## eProtocol IACUC Back Online

As you may be aware, eProtocol IACUC was offline for a few days. During this time, the software was upgraded to a new software version. eProtocol is now available at:

<https://spike.orsc.utexas.edu/ep2>

We apologize for any inconvenience you may have encountered during the downtime.

This software upgrade will allow us to better tailor and customize the software for The University of Texas at Austin's specific needs. Continue to read this newsletter and watch your email for more information.

## Employment Opportunity in ORS

The Office of Research Support at The University of Texas at Austin has an open position for an IACUC Coordinator.

**IACUC Program Coordinator**  
**Posting Number: 13-02-08-02-8105**

Interested applicants must apply through The University of Texas at Austin Human Resources: <http://www.utexas.edu/hr/prospective/apply/process.html>

## Minors in Laboratories

Environmental Health & Safety has updated the University's Lab Safety Manual to provide guidance to principal investigators and research personnel regarding minors in laboratories or other potentially hazardous facilities. The presence of minors in hazardous areas raises concerns for their safety as well as the safety of workers in the hazardous areas whose attention might be diverted by the presence of minors.

For more information and to read the "Minors in Laboratories" policy (Policy III.12):

<http://www.utexas.edu/safety/ehs/lab/manual/>

## Semi-Annual Lab Evaluations: Coming Soon

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University's animal facilities will occur from March 25, 2013 through April 10, 2013. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are housed and used for teaching and research.

- ✓ An evaluation 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.

## eProtocol Tip of the Month

**When I try to submit my protocol, nothing happens. HELP!**

Use the **Check for Completeness** feature (available on the left-hand menu option) when you believe you have finished entering all of the necessary information.

The "Check for Completeness" will scan your protocol and provide a report indicating which sections may be missing information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The check for completeness feature cannot check to see if all of the necessary supporting documents have been attached. Be sure to double-check that this has been done before you submit your protocol.

If the Check for Completeness page indicates that everything is okay, click on the "**Submit Form**" button within the protocol OR the "**Submit to IACUC**" button on the comments page (only if you have received comments from the IACUC).

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **April 8, 2013**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **March 15, 2013**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**  
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**  
DATE: **February 26, 2013**  
SUBJECT: **Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the spring facility evaluations from **March 25, 2013 through April 10, 2013**. 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 facility evaluations 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 laboratory visits.

**Spring Semi-Annual Facility Evaluation Schedule**

(dates and times subject to change)

<b>Monday, March 25, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI	<b>Wednesday, April 3, 2013</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3
<b>Tuesday, March 26, 2013</b> 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. MBB, NMS, PHR	<b>Wednesday, April 3, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6
<b>Wednesday, March 27, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	<b>Thursday, April 4, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute
<b>Monday, April 1, 2013</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, vehicle(s)	<b>Monday, April 8, 2013</b> 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1
<b>Monday, April 1, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. NHB (vivarium & labs)	<b>Tuesday, April 9, 2013</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ECJ, NHB (imaging center)
<b>Tuesday, April 2, 2013</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3	<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pickle Research Campus
<b>Tuesday, April 2, 2013</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BME, PAI, SEA	

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