

# IACUC Update

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

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the IACUC Website

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of the IACUC website has been completely redesigned with a lot of new frequently asked questions! The FAQs are now arranged by category:

- A. General Questions
- B. eProtocol
- C. Protocol Review Process
- D. Animal Utilization Proposals (AUP) / Protocol Applications
- E. Protocol Amendments, Changes, and Modifications
- F. Personnel / Personnel Requirements
- G. Continuing Reviews
- H. Third-Year Resubmissions
- I. Protocol Closure Reports (PCR)
- J. Animal Utilization Registration Forms (AURFs)

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/faqs.html>

If you can't find what you're looking for, please contact the Office of Research Support.

## Semi-Annual Facility Evaluations: Coming Soon!

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **March 24 through April 15, 2014**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used or housed for teaching, research, and/or testing.

A complete schedule is attached to this newsletter. Unfortunately, the IACUC will be unable to provide specific times within each evaluation window for individual laboratories.

You can begin preparing your laboratory for the visit by reviewing the revised "Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklists" that are available on the "Documents, Materials, and Forms" page of the IACUC website.

## Which HealthPoint Form Needs to be Completed?

All personnel are required to submit the "**Health Assessment Questionnaire**" at the time of *initial* enrollment. Once enrolled, you do not need to resubmit this form.

If you work with low-risk species such as rodents (not wild-caught), lizards, fish, etc., an "**Update Health Assessment Questionnaire**" is required every three years.

If you work with high-risk species such as bats, wild (or wild-caught) rodents, macaques, etc., an "**Update Health Assessment Questionnaire**" is required annually.

Please discontinue using any previous version of the *HealthPoint* forms and only use the ones available on their website. For more information, please see:

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/training.html>

## eProtocol Tip of the Month

I checked the status of my protocol in eProtocol and under Meeting Date it says "DMR." What does this mean?

Protocol Event	Panel	Meeting Date
<a href="#">RESUBMITTED TO IACUC</a>	IACUC	<a href="#">DMR</a>

The IACUC has determined that the protocol can be reviewed via the Designated Member Review (DMR) process. With DMR, the IACUC Chair assigns one (or more) member(s) to review the protocol on behalf of the IACUC. The DMR(s) have the authority to approve the protocol, request clarifications/changes, or refer the protocol to the next Full Committee Review (FCR).

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **April 14, 2014**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **March 21, 2014**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**  
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**  
DATE: **March 3, 2014**  
SUBJECT: **Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the spring facility evaluations from **March 24, 2014 through April 15, 2014**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for research, teaching, and/or testing. The [Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklists](#) 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 24, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, vehicle(s)	<b>Tuesday, April 08, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3
<b>Tuesday, March 25, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3	<b>Tuesday, April 08, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6
<b>Tuesday, March 25, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	<b>Wednesday, April 09, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ECJ, NHB (imaging center), WEL
<b>Wednesday, March 26, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. NHB (vivarium & labs)	<b>Wednesday, April 09, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pickle Research Campus
<b>Wednesday, March 26, 2014</b> 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. MBB, NMS, PHR	<b>Thursday, April 10, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI
<b>Monday, April 07, 2014</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1	<b>Tuesday, April 15, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute
<b>Monday, April 07, 2014</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BME, PAI, SEA	

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