

# IACUC Update

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## eProtocol IBC is Now Available

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) is pleased to announce that eProtocol IBC is now available to use for registering your work with transgenic animals, biohazardous materials, and recombinant DNA.



Information that may have previously required both rDNA and Biosafety form can now be combined into a single eProtocol. Here are several great reasons to transition you rDNA and Biosafety protocols to eProtocol IBC:

- eProtocols have three-year approvals
- Multiple rDNA and Biosafety protocols can be described in a single eProtocol
- Multiple personnel can edit and submit a single eProtocol
- Expanded space to describe your research with rDNA/biohazardous materials
- Same website as eProtocol IACUC: <https://spike.orsc.utexas.edu/eP2/>

Beginning January 5, 2016, all new protocols submitted to the IBC must use eProtocol IBC.

In the foreseeable future, the IBC will begin transitioning existing legacy rDNA and Biosafety protocols to eProtocol IBC. If you would like to transition your current rDNA and/or Biosafety protocols to eProtocol IBC now, please contact the Office of Research Support for advice and/or assistance.

<https://spike.orsc.utexas.edu/eP2/>

## Need Help? Call Us!

The Office of Research Support is here to help. Please call if you have any questions!

**(512) 471-8871**



## ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/23/15 – 1/1/16

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 23, 2015 and will reopen Monday, January 4, 2016. No protocol processing will occur during this time period.

For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

## Cold Weather is Here. Protect Your Animals During Transport!

Texas weather is subject to occasional extremes that can affect animals being transported outdoors. Animals must be protected from direct sunlight during transport and sheltered from any rain, snow, or sleet.

Most animals can tolerate exposure to temperatures between 45°F and 85°F during short-term transportation on campus, but when temperatures are above or below that range exposure should be brief and supplemental heating or cooling for transport may be required depending on the species involved.

Contact the ARC for more information and advice on transportation options when adverse weather is a factor.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **February 8, 2016**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **January 15, 2016**.

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