

# IACUC Update

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## Animal Ordering System to Change in 2017

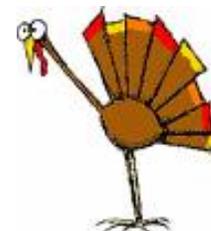
Those of you who order animals through the ARC may have noticed that recent cage cards have used a different format than the one that was in place for well over a decade. This was the first step in the transition from a decades old (and obsolete) standalone computer application to a new animal ordering module that is part of the same eProtocol package currently used for IACUC protocol submission.

The next step in implementing the system will be to activate a new online animal ordering web page for use by persons that are named as personnel on approved IACUC protocols. Protocol numbers and other pertinent information for each order will be suggested by the system based on the ID of the person that has logged into the system, which will eliminate some redundant data entry by both the requesting lab and the ARC staff. The number of animals ordered on each protocol are also tracked by this system, so the prior ordering history will be readily available to protocol personnel. The system will not allow additional animal orders to be placed if the cumulative number of animals requested would exceed the total number that are approved in the current IACUC protocol.

Additional information and how-to materials will be provided by the ARC in December. The plan is for the system to go live in January so that labs can begin to use the new ordering module. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, the legacy system will then be shut down at the beginning of February, at which time all orders will need to be placed in the new system.

Questions and comments as the new module is activated can be sent to the ARC Administrative Manager, Karen King ([karensking@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:karensking@austin.utexas.edu)).

## ORS Closed for Thanksgiving 11/24/16 & 11/25/16



The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2016 and Friday, November 25, 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).

## Protocol Review & Winter Break

As the semester draws to a close, the Office of Research Support (ORS) wants to share information that may be useful in planning your IACUC protocol submissions. The office will be closed beginning December 23, 2016 and will reopen January 2, 2017.

In order to assist your planning and ensure the ORS is able to facilitate the review of IACUC protocol submissions, protocol amendments and continuing reviews received before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 will be processed before the end of business on Friday, December 16, 2016. Please note that if the protocol is returned or requires substantial revision, we may not be able to complete the review of those changes before the University closes. All efforts to avoid waiting until the last minute are appreciated.

New or third-year resubmission protocols submitted after 3:00 p.m. on December 6, 2016 will not be reviewed until the February 13, 2017 Full Committee Review.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **Monday, December 12, 2016.**

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **Friday, November 18, 2016.**

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