

University of Texas at Austin

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

IACUC Policy # 5.0

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Periodically, the IACUC will identify certain protocols or procedures that the IACUC determines that the laboratory could benefit from close veterinary oversight. The requirement of specific monitoring can be a provision of protocol approval and is communicated to the PI. Once a protocol action (e.g., new protocol, revision, etc.) is approved with a proviso for PAM, a specific notice to that effect will be sent to the PI. The notice will be sent separately rather than being combined with any other correspondence (such as approval notices or review queries). The Animal Resources Center (ARC) veterinary staff is notified of the need for monitoring and provided with the pertinent details. The veterinary group coordinates this monitoring and periodically, and as necessary, provides updates to the IACUC.

In addition, the veterinary group conducts random, but frequent, visits to high-use areas, including satellite facilities. The veterinary group has the philosophy that maintaining a friendly and collaborative presence in the research lab areas is a proactive way to ensure that minor issues are identified rapidly for quick and cordial correction, and that major issues are prevented.