

Fall 2023: New and Revised IACUC Guidelines and Policies and ACUP Announcements



- **New Service Provided by the ARC: Pre-surgical injection of Ethiq (Buprenorphine-SR) as a fee for service**
 - The ARC has added an “[Ethiq XR® \(buprenorphine extended-release\) Administration Request Form](#)” form to their website and can provide pre-surgical injection of Ethiq as a fee for service. This should make utilizing Ethiq a feasible alternative for low throughput surgical groups that would like to utilize this product but would have significant product waste should they purchase their own.
- **[Policy 4.8: Animal Usage and Reporting](#)** (revised 07/2023)
 - Changed counting rodents to “At time of birth” with clarification that counting rodents can be done at first manipulation to avoid stress/cannibalism. These manipulations may include but are not limited to experimental procedures, genotyping, or cage changing/handling.
- **[Guideline 16: Guidelines for the Use of Drugs and Chemicals in Animal Research](#)** (revised 07/2023)
 - This revision expanded guidance on drug dilutions and moved this info to a new section C. Review the new information with your lab to make sure that you are using the best practices.
- **[Guideline 20: Guidelines for the Use of Chemical Depilatory Agents on Laboratory Animals](#)** (revised 07/2023)
 - Major revisions to include more detail and references. If you are using Depilatory agents, you MUST review the new guideline with your lab. Be sure that you are following it OR submit an amendment to your protocol to disagree with the guideline and provide justification.
- **[Guideline 25: Guidelines for Prolonged Restraint of Research Animals](#)** (NEW 08/2023)
 - These new Guidelines outline the minimally acceptable standards for physical restraint of laboratory animal species for experimental purposes. If you are using physical restraint on awake, unanesthetized animals, you MUST review the new guideline with your lab. Be sure that you are following it OR submit an amendment to your protocol to disagree with the guideline and provide justification.
- **NEW [Lentivirus Instructions to Medical Provider](#) available through OHP- Labs**
 - If you work with lentivirus vectors and have an exposure involving lentivirus, please see the Instructions for Medical Care of Lentivirus Vector (LVV) Exposures. It is advised that you keep a copy in an easily accessible place in your lab for quick “grab-and-go” access.