1. **Timely Responses**: When the IACUC contacts you with an inquiry or reply to your protocol or modification requests, please respond promptly. We have had a lot of delayed/slow responses from labs, which delays action on your situation. Missing a deadline for a matter that has to be addressed at a regular meeting of the IACUC can delay action on your situation for a full month. The IACUC will also endeavor to be as timely as possible.

2. **Commercial Animal Products**: Vendors that provide products derived from animals (e.g., antibodies, tissues, etc.) must have the appropriate government approvals in order to sell these products. However, this registration is not required if the vendor can verify that their products come from abattoir (i.e., slaughterhouse) animals. If you are unsure of whether or not a particular vendor has the required approvals, please contact the IACUC Office.

3. **Working in the Field?**: If you will be working in the field, it is highly recommended that you first attend a Field Safety Planning Class and a Field Safety First Aid Class administered by UCSB EH&S. Space for these classes is limited, so please register well ahead of time to try to secure a seat.

4. **Seminar for New Researchers**: The next basic IACUC Seminar will be presented by the IACUC Chair on April 14th at 10:45AM in Psych 1312 (SAGE Center Conference Room). If you have not attended a previous offering of this seminar, you should have received an email notification from the IACUC Office on February 15th. Everyone who has not yet attended the seminar and is either working with animals, or plans to work with animals in the near future, should attend the seminar on April 14th.

5. **Reminder - Mandatory Proper Attire in the ARC**: Whenever entering the ARC (or your lab), you must wear long pants and closed toe shoes, plus any work appropriate and required personal protection equipment (PPE).

6. **Reminder - Do Not Interrupt ARC Room Light Cycles**: It is important to not interrupt the housing room light:dark cycles (i.e., manually turning the room lights on) in ARC rooms. All housing rooms are on a 12 hrs of light/12 hrs of dark cycle (start and end times are posted outside of rooms). A few rooms are on a reverse light/dark cycle, with a dark phase during our daytime (e.g., lights in the room turn off at 9, 10, or 11AM, and on at 9, 10, of 11 PM). Interrupting a room’s dark phase can affect data collected/observations from animals and cause issues for breeding animals.

7. **Reminder - No Non-Authorized Laboratory Personnel in the ARC**: There have been several recent incidents of non-authorized laboratory personnel entering the ARC, and even entering animal housing rooms. The only people who may enter the ARC are those who have received a clearance notice (email) from the IACUC and been added to a protocol roster. Exceptions to this rule require approval of the IACUC and/or the Attending Veterinarian.

8. **Reminder - ACCESS Cards May Not Be Shared**: Under no circumstances may ACCESS cards be shared among laboratory personnel, regardless of ARC clearance status. Non-authorized lab personnel may not accompany another member of their lab into the ARC under any circumstances.

### Important Changes to IACUC Guidelines

- **Provision of Adequate Veterinary Care and Reporting Unanticipated Protocol Complications** – Clarifying the process for reporting animal health issues or adverse events;
- **Training Requirements for Protocol Personnel** – Clarifying the training process for new personnel, the review of surgical records by the Attending Veterinarian, and the process for non-UCSB personnel to work on UCSB protocols. Also, removing the requirement for personnel working with Nile rats to read the Use of Wild Mammals reference;

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• **Aseptic Surgery and Postoperative Care** – Modifying the postoperative analgesia dose ranges and frequencies for mice based on recent publications. Clarifying appropriate postoperative wound care and monitoring;
• **Animal Procurement, Transportation, Quarantine, and Preventative Medicine** - Clarifying how animals must be counted towards the protocol census;
• **Blood and Tissue Collection** - Clarifying submental (chin) blood sampling procedures;
• **Administration of Therapeutic or Experimental Substances to Animals, Including Non-pharmaceutical-grade or Controlled Substances** - Revising dilution instructions for Baytril.