

IACUC NEWS

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•**Annual Update Simplification** - For most researchers, the Annual Review requirement has been converted into a simple quarterly review of each protocol's training roster. When the IACUC sends its quarterly roster update inquiry to you as the PI or Lab Manager, all you need to do is (i) review the personnel roster and corresponding "Protocol Procedures" to determine whether or not any updates are necessary and (ii) contact the IACUC Co-ordinator to inform him of necessary updates or that no updates are necessary. Please contact him one way or the other! For the "Protocol Procedures" update, list any procedures a lab member may potentially perform. If they have not yet been trained, state "TBT" (To Be Trained).

Unless your protocol includes USDA species (which does not include standard laboratory rats, mice or birds) or is receiving funding from the Department of Defense, you are no longer required to submit an Annual Review of your protocols.

•**Reminder #1** – The IACUC does not meet during the months of July or August. If you anticipate needing to submit a new protocol application in the summer or have a current protocol that expires in the summer, please be sure to submit your new or renewal application no later than April 14th so it can be ready for review at the June IACUC meeting.

•**Reminder #2** – The IACUC frequently introduces updates into its various forms and Guidelines. Before investing the time and effort to fill out a form or read a Guideline, please be sure you are using the most recent version. Current [Forms](#) and [Guidelines](#) are available on the [IACUC website](#).

There have been recent updates/revisions to the following forms: [IACUC Application for Vertebrate Animal Use](#), the [Researcher Training Checklist](#), and the [Occupational Health and Safety Evaluation form](#).

Additionally, there have been recent revisions to the following 4 Guidelines, including a significant animal procedural change in the Euthanasia Guideline. The remaining 3 Guidelines have a number of clarifications and minor changes.

[Euthanasia of Laboratory Animals](#) - This change in the Guideline provides new guidance on how to confirm death in a rodent that has been euthanized with an inhalant overdose (e.g., CO₂, isoflurane). After leaving the animal exposed to normal room air for 5 minutes, at least two of the following must be confirmed: a lack of pulse, a lack of breathing, a lack of corneal reflex, a lack of response to a toe or tail pinch, or the inability to hear respiratory sounds or a heartbeat when using a stethoscope.

[Inter-institutional Agreement on the Use of Animals in Research Settings](#)

[Use of Designated Member Review](#)

[Animal Facilities Disaster Contingency Plan](#)

•**Reminder #3** - UCSB is applying for re-accreditation through AAALAC (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International). Site visitors will be on campus sometime between May and July to review all aspects of the UCSB Animal Care and Use Program.

***Please contact the IACUC Coordinator if there are additional personnel in your lab that should be receiving the IACUC Newsletters.