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Important News/Reminders for Principal Investigators and Lab Personnel

- Researcher Training Checklist:
 1. The PI's signature confirms that s/he has worked with the Researcher to ensure the accuracy of the Job Exposure Description and Risk Assessment portions of the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) form. The Confidential Medical History part of the OH&S form should be completed by only the Researcher;
 2. The PI's signature also confirms that the PI has provided the Researcher with all appropriate Protocol(s) and IACUC Guideline(s) for their review;
 3. If a Researcher receives a recommendation from the Occupational Health & Safety Physician to get a vaccination (generally rabies and/or tetanus), a waiver/verification form **MUST** be submitted to the IACUC prior to the Researcher being cleared for working on a protocol.
- Updated IACUC Guidelines
 1. Administration of Experimental Substances to Animals, Including Non-pharmaceutical-grade or Controlled Substances – the storage temperature for **Buprenorphine HCl** has been changed from refrigerated to room temperature.
 2. UCSB Procedure Training Requirements for Protocol Personnel - the AV will now perform a more stringent surgical competency evaluation, and anyone that cannot competently perform the surgical procedure (i.e., fails their proficiency evaluation) will need to receive additional training under the direct supervision of a trained and qualified individual.
- Semiannual Inspections of Satellite Facilities:
 1. The checklists that IACUC members use for guidance during Semiannual Inspections are posted to the Forms section of the IACUC website. Please use these checklists to prepare your facility for inspection.
 2. Copies of each lab personnel's training records should be available to the inspection team during semiannual inspections.
- When revising a protocol following IACUC review, answers to queries should generally be answered in the main text of the document, not in track changes or email.
- If a PI tasks another person to prepare their protocol application, such as a graduate student, TA or postdoc, please be sure that they are familiar enough with the project to do a credible job. Poorly written applications will be administratively rejected.
- Labs that maintain breeding colonies (e.g., laboratory rodents or zebrafish) should contact the ARC Manager to coordinate the possible sharing of any animals or tissues that cannot be used for experiments, for example because they lack the necessary genotype or are the wrong sex.
- Principal Investigators should recognize that the Protocol approval process involves many steps and considerable "back and forth", generally making it impossible to "fast-track" a protocol through the process.

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<https://www.research.ucsb.edu/compliance/animal-subjects/resources/ucsb-iacucnewsletter>