

## IACUC NEWS

### Important News/Reminders for UCSB Animal Users

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- There has been a recent uptick in the number of non-compliant incidents involving vertebrate animals. **Please be sure that you have read and understand the most recent version of your lab's protocol(s) and all of their modifications and are familiar with the relevant IACUC Guidelines.** If you are unsure about anything described in your protocol, ask your PI for clarification. Non-compliant events often require full investigations and can have significant consequences for the lab.
- As part of the effort to minimize the frequency of non-compliant events, the IACUC Chair will be presenting a new “refresher” seminar for personnel on IACUC protocol rosters that have attended one of the IACUC seminars from a previous academic year. E-mails have gone out recently announcing that these seminars will be held on October 29 (11:00 AM; 1640 Broida Hall) and November 1 (12:00 PM; 1001 LSB/Rathmann Auditorium). Please remind the relevant personnel on your roster(s) to attend one of these presentations.
- Beginning soon, many of your interactions with the IACUC will be done online, using our new Office of Research Animal Management System (ORAMS). This should simplify most of our administrative operations. You will be able to use your UCSB NetIDs to access the system and view your protocol(s), training record, and other training materials. Instructional guides will be available. More information about this system will be provided as the launch date gets closer.
- If you are conducting surgical and/or post-operative procedures, remember that all procedures must be performed exactly as described in the protocol. Additionally, it is very important that the corresponding records (log sheet) are fully and properly completed. This is very important and failure to do so is a serious event of non-compliance.
- The ARC Staff has reported that rats that have undergone surgery are not having their wound clips removed after their surgical incision has healed. According to the Aseptic Rodent Surgery and Postoperative Care guideline, “External wound clips or sutures should be removed 7-14 days after the surgery”. Please ensure that the wound clips are removed in a timely manner.
- If you will be working in the field, it is highly recommended that you attend a Field Trip Planning Class and a Field Safety First Aid Class administered by UCSB EH&S. Space is limited so please register before attending.
- The following updates have been made to the IACUC Guidelines. If you perform animal work that may be affected by these changes, please review the updated Guideline.
  - Food and Water Regulation - Added a clarification about the removal of animals from deprivation/restriction conditions.
  - Animal Environmental Enrichment and Social Housing - Created a list of the criteria that an enrichment program should include.
  - Minimum Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment When Working with Research Animals - Updated to clarify the use of PPE in field settings.
  - Aseptic Surgery and Postoperative Care - Clarified the surgical training process, modified the surgical facilities description, and updated the expectations for postoperative care.