

IACUC NEWS

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I. Administrative Matter

NEW! Occupational Health Surveillance System (OHSS):

- All researchers conducting experiments with animals need to be enrolled in our Occupational Health & Safety Program on an annual basis. Effective May 1, 2015, the IACUC will be introducing a new online-based system for submitting and reviewing OHS forms. This system is HIPAA compliant, secure, and more eco and user friendly than the current paper-based system. Detailed instructions on how to use the system will be distributed.
- In-person demonstrations of the online system will also be available to interested labs. Please contact the IACUC Office (X5855 or iacuc@lifesci.ucsb.edu) to schedule a demonstration.

II. Continuing Education.....aka, Reminders

Upcoming IACUC Seminar

- The IACUC will be presenting its “new investigator/researcher/lab member” seminar on Friday, April 10th, from 4-5 PM in Psychology 3834. Attendance of this seminar is mandatory for all lab personnel using animals who have not attended a previous presentation. The purpose of the seminar is to educate new lab personnel in how to use animals properly and ethically in their work and to highlight key aspects of our animal care and use program. Please be sure to inform any new protocol personnel to attend the upcoming seminar.

Surgery Proficiency Evaluation:

- All protocol personnel that are, or will be, routinely conducting survival surgical procedures must schedule an appointment with Dr. Garcia, the Attending Veterinarian (AV), so that he may evaluate their proficiency in those procedures. Protocol personnel may NOT perform surgical procedures without the assistance and supervision of the AV or their approved surgical trainer until they have successfully completed this proficiency assessment. Please contact the IACUC Office if you need to attend a Basic Rodent Surgery Workshop for training or would like assistance with scheduling a proficiency evaluation.

Ordering Drugs in Gateway

- Some personnel have experienced difficulties identifying pharmaceutical-grade drugs in the new Gateway procurement system. If you are unfamiliar with the Gateway procurement

system, or if you are not certain that the drug you need for your animal experiments is available in the correct formulation (pharmaceutical-grade) from Gateway, please contact the AV or place your pharmaceutical drug orders through the ARC. However, please note that orders for controlled substances cannot be placed via the ARC.

- Contact the ARC at extension X2333 to order your pharmaceutical drugs from the ARC.
- Contact the AV at extension X7344 or by email at mannydvm@ucsb.edu, if you have questions about ordering pharmaceutical drugs in Gateway.

Tricaine methanesulfonate (MS-222)

- This compound needs to be treated as a hazardous agent. EH&S has created a [MS-222 Chemical Hygiene Plan \(CHP\)](#) which describes how to properly prepare and handle it
- Among the key points to know are that all use of MS-222 powder must be performed in a fume hood, and personnel working with MS-222 powder must wear a lab coat, safety glasses, and gloves.

Documentation of Procedure-Specific Training:

- In order to assist with documenting procedure-specific training, the IACUC has created a Procedural Training Template for investigators to use (and modify if appropriate) (http://www.research.ucsb.edu/media/189003/procedural_training_template.docx) and for tracking procedural training received as part of working on an approved protocol.

Protocols Submissions:

- The IACUC reminds all investigators of the importance of submitting well-written protocol applications, including proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Remember that your protocol is a public document with your name on it and that protocols are requested frequently under the California Public Records Act (CPRA, code 6250) by members of the public.

Satellite Facility Reporting:

- All satellite facility PIs must have a mechanism in place for contacting the Attending Veterinarian to report any sick or dead animals. Unexpected animal deaths, signs of illness, or abnormal behavior in animals must be reported promptly to the AV for assessment and treatment as necessary.
- Investigators should document all animal procurements and store those records in either a centralized location at their facility or contact the ARC staff to help maintain those procurement records within the ARC.