

# IACUC NEWS

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## I. Administrative Matters

### AAALAC 2014 Summer Site Visit:

- On June 19-20, AAALAC representatives visited UCSB. Based on their findings, they have informed us that they will recommend to the AAALAC Council on Accreditation that UCSB should receive continued full accreditation status. We expect to be notified of the Council's decision in October. The AAALAC representatives also made several "Suggestions For Improvement", which we have incorporated into our program.

## II. Laboratory Matters

### 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.

### Ordering Drugs in Gateway

- It has come to our attention that some personnel may experience 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, then you should contact the AV, or place your pharmaceutical drug orders through the ARC. However, 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](mailto:mannydvm@ucsb.edu), if you have questions about ordering your pharmaceutical drugs in Gateway.

### Tricaine methanesulfonate (MS-222)

- During the recent AAALAC site visit, it was brought to our attention that several labs have not been treating tricaine methanesulfonate as a hazardous agent. EH&S agreed that this compound should be treated as hazardous.

- Moving forward, 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 ([http://www.research.ucsb.edu/media/189003/procedural\\_training\\_template.docx](http://www.research.ucsb.edu/media/189003/procedural_training_template.docx)) for Investigators to use (and modify if appropriate) for tracking procedural training received as part of working on an approved protocol.

### **III. General Reminders**

#### 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.

#### Upcoming IACUC Seminar

- The IACUC will be presenting its seminar for all new investigators, researchers, and lab members using animals on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4-5 PM in Life Sciences 1001 (Rathmann Auditorium). Attendance of the 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 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.

#### 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.