

IACUC Update

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Newsletter of the Institutional Animal
Care and Use Committee

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It is extremely important that research being conducted is consistent with the approved animal care and use protocol. Changes need to be approved by the IACUC prior to implementation.

Online Training Courses

UC Davis recently subscribed to the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) Learning Library. AALAS, a nonprofit membership association, is the premier forum for the exchange of information and expertise in the care and use of laboratory animals. The AALAS library offers a wide variety of online training courses for researchers, research staff, animal care staff, and IACUC members. Courses include training for the AALAS certification exams (ALAT, LAT, LATG), training on techniques for working with a variety of species, and regulatory training. A complete list of the courses is available at <http://www.aalaslearninglibrary.org/helpcenter/allcoursecatalog.pdf>. We encourage you to take advantage of these training opportunities. If you would like access to these courses please send an email to Jessica Davis, jesdavis@ucdavis.edu and she will assign you a login id and password.

Prompt Reports

As part of our PHS Assurance, UC Davis is required to report non-compliance issues in our animal care program to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), as well as to the funding agency. This includes reporting procedures that were conducted without IACUC approval. NIH can request that any NIH funding used to support work conducted without such approval be returned to the funding agency. NIH's policy on non-compliance can be reviewed at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-044.html>.

If you need to make a change to your approved protocol it is important that you submit an amendment and obtain IACUC approval prior to making the change. Amendments can be submitted using the online system (<http://iacuc.ucdavis.edu/protocol/index.cfm>).

Vendor: Premier Pharmacy
Phone: (800) 752-7139
Fax: (352) 597-1078
Address: 8269 Commercial
Way
City: Weeki Wachee
State: FL 34613

Premier Pharmacy Labs Inc has been added to our financial database. The vendor number is 0000284934.

Additional Source of Pentobarbital

Since the cost of intravenous pentobarbital has skyrocketed to over \$400 for a 50 ml bottle, we have searched for and located a drug compounder (Premier Pharmacy) that provides a comparable product at \$55. The product is pharmaceutical grade, which means the IACUC approves its use for animal anesthesia as well as euthanasia. This source was recommended by veterinary colleagues at another UC campus who have been very pleased with the service and products.

This is not an endorsement, just an opportunity to save money and pay a reasonable price. Orders can be placed through the normal channels following the same controlled substance policies.

Recharges to Begin for Protocols from Third Party, For-Profit Companies

We will soon begin charging a fee for protocol review for projects that are proposed from third party, for-profit companies. This is important to help cover costs to the university that are incurred with protocol review, maintaining AAALAC accreditation and a PHS assurance, and providing veterinary care to the research animals. The fee will only apply to new projects, not to protocols that have already been approved.

We are in the process of establishing the fee and will post the rate on the IACUC website (<http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/iacuc>) once it has been established. PI's should include the amount in their project budgets when submitting proposals to the Sponsored Programs Office.

New CLAS Director Named

Terry Hewett DVM, DACLAM was appointed as new Director of the Center for Laboratory Animal Science (CLAS) on July 1, 2009. She oversees the daily management of CLAS and will continue to co-direct the Laboratory Animal Resident training program within the School of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to this appointment, Terry worked as a Senior Veterinarian for Campus Veterinary Services for 5 years. Terry has over 20 years experience as a laboratory animal specialist and she continues her service to the UC Davis Animal Care and Use Program.

New IACUC Staff Members

The IACUC Office has two new staff members, Peter Vertz and Sherri Goss. Peter comes from the Seattle area where he served as facility manager and IACUC Chairperson with two Biotech Companies. He also has 5 years experience as a facility manager of a BSL-3 Lab for the USGS – National Wildlife Health Center.

Sherri Goss is from UC Davis Campus Veterinary Services, where she served as campus trainer. Sherri will be responsible for the laboratory inspection program and will continue to teach the rodent handling and rodent aseptic technique courses.

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