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Subject: Change in Rodent Surgery Guidelines

Principal Investigators,

As a result of discussions with our AAALAC site visitors, the IACUC has reviewed and revised our Guidelines for Rodent Surgical Procedures. Effective immediately, alcohol can no longer be used to sterilize instruments.

AAALAC's policy does not allow for the use of alcohol as a sterilant because when not used properly it does not provide effective sterilization against spore forming bacteria nor does it work in the presence of organic materials. A more appropriate sterilant must be used. Examples of appropriate sterilants can be found in the Guidelines at <http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/iacuc/policies/rodent-survival-surgery>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Campus Veterinary Services at 530-752-0514 or the IACUC Office at 530-752-2364.

Sincerely,

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