

## UC Davis Office of the Attending Veterinarian Policy

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### **Title: Campus Veterinary Services Fee For Service Policy**

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#### I. Purpose:

To describe the functions covered under routine veterinary and those that are considered fee for service activities. This policy differentiates between spontaneous occurring disease or injury that is covered under the veterinary care program, diagnostics and treatments associated with rodent disease outbreaks which are paid out of the sentinel program service account and fee for service activities that are charged to the PI.

#### II. Policy:

Adequate Veterinary Care is required by law, policy and guidelines pertaining to Laboratory animal welfare and care. At UC Davis the Attending Veterinarian (AV) fulfills this function for biomedical research and teaching animals through the Campus Veterinary Service (CVS). In addition to adequate veterinary care, research support and training are also the mission of the veterinary service. The Campus provides core funding that is intended to pay for routine veterinary and clinical care of the laboratory animals on the Sacramento and Davis Campuses. The central funding includes services provided by the Veterinarians, Technicians and support staff associated with CVS. This does not include the rodent sentinel monitoring program, research support or medical problems that are a direct result of research related manipulations.

#### III. Procedure:

Treatments prescribed by CVS are covered by the core funding; treatments prescribed by consulting veterinarians but not approved by CVS Staff are not covered. Specifically: CVS staff will make an assessment regarding the suitability of an animal to continue as a research or teaching subject. If CVS staff agrees on a treatment course, and the PI or consulting DVM disagrees and proposes an alternative plan then all the costs associated with that plan will be absorbed by the PI. Costs associated with any plan that is implemented without express CVS Staff approval will be the responsibility of the PI. The Attending Veterinarian has the authority to require and perform euthanasia of research or teaching subjects for humane and/or animal welfare reasons, this policy does not infringe on that authority.

All diagnostics, treatments, procedures, and labor associated with activities described in an animal care and use (ACU) protocol are considered fee for service activities and will be charged the current rates. The only exception is for some training activities described in an ACU protocol, training staff to perform procedures listed in an ACU protocol, and a few activities performed by residents, students and volunteers that fall under the auspices of the training mission.

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Some examples\* of fee for service activities that are charged to the PI include:  
(\*this is not an all inclusive list other activities fall under fee for service as well)

1. Post Operative or Post Procedural Monitoring
  - a. Supportive care resulting from surgical or other procedures
    - i. For example fluid administration or special foods/feeding
  - b. Analgesic administration
  - c. E Collar application and checking
  - d. Bandage changing/checking
  - e. Daily post operative incision checks
2. Time associated with record keeping for research procedures
3. Anesthesia administration or support
4. Blood, urine, fluid, tissue collections or diagnostics for non clinical purposes
  - a. For example urine dip stick for diabetic animals
  - b. Culture of recording cylinders
  - c. Collection of genotyping samples
5. Compounding of Drugs
6. Set up for research procedures
7. Performing research procedures
8. Breeding, weaning and identifying animals
9. Administration of test articles or treatments
10. Surgery support including performance of experimental surgery
11. Wound care for incisions or injury as a result of experimental manipulation
12. Pathology diagnostics for conditions induced by experimental manipulations
13. Management of chronic malocclusion
14. Project Related Euthanasia
15. Project design and coordination
  - a. For example when CVS staff serve as the PI or faculty sponsor for an experimental project, all time spent performing that function is chargeable.
  - b. Time spent consulting and planning and scheduling procedures, budget proposals etc. is chargeable.
16. Veterinary Review of Protocols (This activity is chargeable but is recovered through a separate mechanism and is not recharged by the veterinary staff)

Some examples\*\* of adequate veterinary care activities that are not charged to the PI:  
(\*\*this is not an all inclusive list other activities fall under adequate veterinary care as well)

1. Preventative medicine program
  - a. Incoming physicals for small animals and livestock
  - b. Initial CBC panel for small animals and livestock
  - c. Initial Parasite check for small animals and livestock
  - d. Annual Physical Exam and diagnostics
    - i. More frequent monitoring is chargeable
2. Sick Animal Exam and treatment for spontaneously occurring conditions
3. Sick Animal follow up checking for spontaneously occurring conditions
4. Periodic weights and nail or hoof trim
5. Annual round up and blood work for NHP
6. Routine TB testing for NHP

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7. Routine care for spontaneous injuries or conditions
8. Clinical Euthanasia
9. Training of personnel to perform activities on an ACU protocol
  - a. Routine Laboratory Animal Skills Classes
  - b. Individual or tailored Laboratory Animal Skills Classes
  - c. Certification of skills when policy required
  - d. Ad hoc training
10. Scheduled Training/Continuing Education for technicians, students, residents and DVMS

In order to provide adequate veterinary care, diagnostics and treatments may be prescribed for a condition that is later found to be caused by the experimental manipulations or conditions of the research. If protocol related manipulations or conditions are found to be the cause of an animal's condition the fees associated with the work up and diagnostics will be recharged to the PI.

Exceptions to this policy may be made for teaching exercises that fulfill the academic mission of the University to provide a robust education for its undergraduates, graduate and professional student populations as well as in house training for staff. PI and competency/compliance related training is budgeted through the IACUC Office and will be charged or not charged as agreed by the AV and IACUC Administrator.

Time and supplies will be billed out as recharges and direct billed to the PI/researcher/laboratory in accordance with the CVS SOP for recharging for time and services at the approved rate for labor and supplies. Time spent by volunteers, students and residents that are participating as a learning experience will not be billed out.