



Spring 2006 IACUC Inspections begin April 2nd

The IACUC will begin semiannual inspections of all animal facilities on April 2. Inspections will be conducted Monday-Thursday 9am-12noon & 1:30pm-4:30pm, and Friday 9am-12noon. Inspections will not be done on Friday afternoons or during IACUC meeting days (1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month). The PI must make themselves and/or a senior lab member available.

What will the IACUC be looking for during inspections? Here are some areas of concern...

- Appropriate drug storage, control, and expiration date monitoring
- Expired supplies are separated, marked, and/or disposed properly
- Routine calibration of anesthesia machines
- Drug/controlled substances log maintained
- Approved protocols available in all laboratories
- IACUC approval letters displayed on doors if animals are housed in facilities other than ACS
- No human food and/or drink in any animal room
- Separate surgery areas for prep, procedure, and recovery
- Aseptic technique used in all survival surgeries
- In lab SOPs for frequently used equipment
- Staff informed of "whistle-blower" policy
- Staff knowledgeable of protocol
- For housing areas, maintenance of SOPs and logs recording animal care, room cleaning, and environmental conditions

For a detailed list of what the IACUC will be looking for on inspections, please see:

<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/inspections.htm>

Important Notice Regarding Sponsored Research Funding

PeopleSoft has implemented a process where funding is automatically cut off if a protocol expires. There is no grace period for this change. You will notice the following statement in your IACUC Approval Letters:

"If this IACUC protocol pertains to a sponsored research project it is the responsibility of the PI to forward a copy of the IACUC approval and associated PeopleSoft Project number to the Office of Award Administration via fax at 392-4522 or email at ufawards@rgp.ufl.edu."

It is important for all investigators to keep track of the expiration dates of your protocols. PeopleSoft is now locking spending authority on supported projects if the appropriate protocol's approval lapses! The IACUC office sends reminder notices to investigators three months before the expiration date, and then two months and one month before expiration if the PI has not contacted us about the renewal. Please remember that the IACUC approval process can take up to 4-6 weeks from the time you submit your protocol.

Check it Out

The IACUC has recently adopted a new policy, which is posted on our website.

Policy on Services Provided by UF

<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/PolicyUFservices.doc>