



Questions Asked During IACUC Inspections

During recent inspections, a few questions have come up time and again. Here are some answers:

Who do we call to get the anesthesia machine calibrated?

First of all, anesthesia machines must be calibrated annually. Two recommended vendors for calibration service are: Surgivet <http://www.surgivet.com/> & Mercury Medical <http://www.mercurymed.com/>.

How do we dispose of expired drugs? We asked this question of the Environmental Health and Safety office (EH&S). Here's the response:

It depends on what kind of "drugs" you are talking about. To dispose of regular pharmaceutical products, contact Haz Materials Handling who will pick them up following the haz waste procedures. <http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/HMM/Pickups/default.asp>

If they are DEA Controlled substances, EH&S cannot pick them up as we do not have a DEA permit for handling. Labs can get with Matt Doty and he will guide them through the process of reverse distribution...they are sent back to a licensed company for handling. Directions are at <http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/HMM/DEAdisposal.htm>

For expired drug products of any sort, please label them as expired and waiting for disposal.

Expired drugs should be kept separate from in-date drugs by placing them in a different drawer/area or at least placing them in a zip lock type bag marked "expired" so the staff are aware that they are not to be used.

If you have any questions regarding disposal of drugs, please contact EH&S at 392-1591.

Where can I get a biennial drug survey form? It is important to keep accurate records of the controlled drugs you use in your lab. We usually find that labs have good records of the usage of drugs with the animals. But often times, a complete log of how much the lab has on hand on an on-going basis is not available. Conducting a biennial drug survey of stock bottles listing free standing amounts should be maintained so it can be correlated with the drug usage log. Find more information and sample forms on the EH&S website: http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/Lab/control.htm#authorized_use

Check it Out

The IACUC has recently adopted two new policies which are posted on our website:

Policy on Foot Pad Injections
<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/AnimalUseGuides/FootPad.pdf>

Policy on Overcrowding of Rodent Cages
<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/AnimalUseGuides/Overcrowded%20Rodent%20Cages%20Web.pdf>