



## ***ANIMAL RESEARCH MATTERS***



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### **Good Laboratory Practices**

Is your lab in good shape? How would you and your staff fare under the close scrutiny of an AAALAC or USDA inspection?

Here are some common findings from the recent IACUC semi-annual tour of laboratories and areas where animals are used. Could these deficiencies be found in your lab?

<b><u>Deficiency</u></b>	<b><u>Required action</u></b>
Drugs/controlled substances not locked.	<i>All labs must keep controlled substances (anesthetics, analgesics, etc) locked at all times.</i>
Failure to maintain a record of controlled substance use.	<i>Laboratories must maintain a log documenting the date and amount used for all controlled substances.</i>
Personnel unfamiliar with the IACUC approved protocol	<i>All staff who work with animals must read the IACUC approved Animal Care and Use Protocol (ACUP) and be familiar with the procedures that are approved for use.</i>
Personnel not familiar with the process to obtain IACUC approval before implementing a change to the approved protocol	<i>Only the procedures described in the IACUC approved ACUP may be implemented. If a change to the approved protocol is required, a revision request must be submitted to the committee coordinator for IACUC review. Instructions for submitting a revision are posted on the IACUC webpage.</i>
Expired drugs and/or solutions that would be used in animals	<i>Any substance that will be used in <u>live</u> animals must be within the listed expiration date. This includes items such as saline and sutures.</i>
Lab Safety Certification out of date	<i>Laboratory Safety Inspections are performed twice a year. The safety certificate must be current and should be posted in a visible location. Please contact the Safety Office if you have questions about the Safety Inspection/Certification process.</i>
Improper storage of animal carcasses	<i>Animal carcasses must be stored in a dedicated refrigerator/freezer prior to necropsy and disposal. Laboratories must not store chemicals or other substances in the same refrigerator/freezer as animal bodies.</i>

### **Comments?**

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