



FALL IACUC INSPECTIONS

Fall IACUC inspections begin **October 1, 2009**.

There is a new Policy on Sanitization and this is the first inspection it is being closely monitored. In general, the IACUC inspectors will be looking for the following items but **this is not an all inclusive list**:

- Appropriate drug and substance storage, control, and expiration date on bottles/containers – this includes all substances used with animals or to clean animal areas.
- Controlled drugs properly used, stored and monitored.
- **Expired drugs & supplies are separated, marked, and disposed of properly.**
- Drug/controlled substances log maintained showing drug used AND remaining.
- USP grade drugs or justification to use non-USP grade.
- EH&S concerns, i.e., **no recapped needles**, fume hood certification up-to-date, no cloth chairs in surgery areas or areas with infectious animals. Gas tanks must be secured.
- Up-to-date calibration of anesthesia machines if used.
- **IF** anesthesia machine not in use, clearly label: **“OUT OF SERVICE”** to avoid citation.
- Protocols available in all laboratories **(on paper, on computer or on USB flash drive with computer to**

display contents) and staff knowledgeable of the protocol(s).

- IACUC approval letters displayed on doors if animals are housed in facilities other than ACS.
- Temperature & humidity logs in housing rooms outside of ACS .
- Approved euthanasia technique used properly – **neonate policies have been modified.**
- Separate surgery areas for prep, procedure, and recovery.
- Methods for re-sterilization of instruments between serial surgeries.
- Aseptic technique used in all survival surgeries.
- **In-lab SOP and logs for cleaning frequently used equipment.**
- Staff informed of "whistle-blower" policy.
- General cleanliness of lab areas.
- No human food and/or drink in any animal room or work area.
- **Sanitization logs of housing and multiple use equipment must be available.**

The items in bold are the most frequently noted deficiencies; please be especially mindful of these. This is link to all policies: <http://iacuc.ufl.edu/links.htm> . This is the link for more complete items to be checked: <http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/inspections.htm> to read the Housing Checklist & the Lab Checklist. **Please note that these are not comprehensive lists.**

If you have questions, please call the IACUC office at 392-9907 or 392-991.