By Astrid Haakonstad
UCUCA Regulatory Compliance Associate

WHO: All principal investigators and laboratory staff members are encouraged to attend

WHAT: Two separate “Town Hall” style presentations and dialogues with the UCUCA members, UCUCA compliance staff, ULAM, and ULAM veterinary staff. The meetings will be exactly the same but held in different locations on campus for researchers’ convenience. Refreshments will be served!

WHERE: Town Hall 1: M3330 Medical Science Building I
Town Hall 2: G390 Dental School

WHEN: Town Hall 1: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Town Hall 2: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

WHY: The UCUCA wishes to foster a collaborative relationship with the U-M research community and to provide guidance and assistance to investigators and laboratory staff members. These meetings are an opportunity to inform the research community of recent changes in UCUCA policies and guidelines, and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. By working together, UCUCA, ULAM, and the research community will ensure that U-M maintains an animal use program that is fully compliant with all applicable standards and regulations.
FALL INSPECTIONS
ARE AROUND THE CORNER

By Dawn O'Connor
Senior Regulatory Compliance Associate

It’s hard to believe that fall is around the corner; for many of us it seems that summer has just begun. The UCUCA will be out on campus inspecting animal facilities during the months of September and October. In addition to our routine inspections of the animal facilities we will be paying close attention to animals with tumors or that have undergone surgical procedures.

Animals with tumorigenic phenotypes need to start being monitored at weaning and animals with injected tumors need to start being monitored at the time of injection. Documentation of monitoring must be located in the animal housing room. The tumor monitoring sheet can be found on the UCUCA website on the Procedure Guidelines page: www.ucuca.umich.edu/guideproc.htm (Tumor Monitoring Sheet).

All animals that have undergone survival surgical procedures must have a post-operative monitoring sheet located in the animal housing room or in close proximity to the animal. Monitoring must take place once daily for a minimum of 7 days or until skin sutures or wound clips are removed and the incision is completely healed. Please refer to the following guidelines for species specific monitoring details:

► Guidelines for the Performance of Surgery in Rodents
► Guidelines for the Performance of Surgery in Non-Rodent Mammals

Both of these documents are located on the UCUCA website on the Surgery Guidelines page: www.ucuca.umich.edu/guidesurg.htm. Please refer to these documents for printable post-operative monitoring sheets that can be used by individual laboratories.

For further clarification, please contact the UCUCA Office at 763-8028 or ucuca.office@umich.edu.

DILUTING, MIXING, AND COMPOUNDING PHARMACEUTICALS

By Anna Hampton, DVM
ULAM Resident Veterinarian

Have you ever had a question regarding diluting, mixing or compounding pharmaceuticals? ULAM has now created a handout, Diluting, Mixing, and Compounding Pharmaceuticals, that reviews the more common calculations and procedures for diluting, mixing or compounding pharmaceuticals. Also, there is additional information, references and contact information regarding pharmaceutical use in animals. It is only a click away. This handout can be found on both the ULAM and UCUCA websites at http://www.ulam.umich.edu/animalcare/sop.htm and http://www.ucuca.umich.edu/guideproc.htm, respectively.

Download The Backbone!

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NEW UCUCA REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATE

The University Committee on Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA) would like to welcome its newest regulatory compliance associate, Patrick Kehres. Patrick started in the UCUCA office on August 10, 2009 and came from the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine where he was a husbandry supervisor for five years. You can contact Pat by phone (764-9122) or email (kehres@umich.edu).

NEED HELP WITH YOUR PROTOCOL? YOUR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATE IS HERE FOR YOU!

Each of the UCUCA regulatory compliance associates is responsible for a section of the alphabet, based on PI last name:

- **A-F**: Astrid Haakonstad (764-6850)
- **G-L**: Marie Cornell (764-2187)
- **M-R**: Pat Kehres (764-9122)
- **S-Z**: Matt Taylor (615-8791)

For help with facility-related issues, contact Dawn O’Connor (936-9329).

NEW/REVISED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The following policies and guidelines have been updated and are available for download from the UCUCA website (http://www.ucuca.umich.edu) or by clicking on the links below:

- Diluting, Mixing and Compounding Pharmaceuticals (new)
- Animal Transport Standard Operating Procedure (revised)
- May 18, 2009 Town Hall Meeting Presentation (new)
- UM Program for Use of Anesthetic Gases with Research Animals (revised)
- Controlled Substances section on the UCUCA site (activated)
- State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research Licensing Instructions (revised)
- Instructions for Scheduling a Fingerprint Appointment at U of M (revised)
- Macaque Monkey Bite/Scratch/Exposure Procedure (revised)

Please don’t hesitate to contact the UCUCA office at 763-8028 or ucuca.office@umich.edu if you have any questions about the updated policies and guidelines.
GOT FEEDBACK?
Do you have questions, comments, corrections, or suggestions about The Backbone? Is there a topic you would like to see covered in a future issue? We want to hear from you! Email us at ucuca.office@umich.edu or call (734) 763-8028 and tell us about it!

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Attention Readers!! The Backbone has gone digital! The newsletter will no longer be available by hard copy (paper). Starting with the April 2009 issue it will be distributed via email and published on the UCUCA website. As always, back issues are available on the website. To download an issue: www.ucuca.umich.edu/backbone.

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NEED HELP WITH YOUR ESIRIUS PASSWORD?
If you forgot your eSirius password, or need to have it reset, please contact Claire Whittaker-Smith by email (clairew@umich.edu) or by phone (615-7032) and she will be happy to assist you!

REMINDER: CHECK YOUR CAGE CARDS!
Before working with any animal, please ensure that you have the right cage and the right animal by checking the cage card and/or tag on that animal. Make sure that the principal investigator and protocol number are both correct, and also ensure that the expiration date is still current. This will ensure that you do not use another investigator’s animals by mistake, and that your protocol remains in compliance. If you see a cage card that looks like it has incorrect information, or a cage that is mislabeled, please notify your husbandry supervisor as soon as possible, or if you have questions you can also contact the UCUCA office at 763-8028 or ucuca.office@umich.edu.

ANIMAL CONCERN HOTLINE
Animal Concern Hotline Number:
(734) 763-8028

Animal Concern Online Submission Form:
http://www.ucuca.umich.edu/complaint.htm

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING THAT TROUBLES YOU, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL OR SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS REPORT ONLINE!

REMINDER: NEW PERSONNEL IN YOUR LAB?
Do you have new personnel in your lab? Make sure to add them to your protocol if they will be using animals; EVEN IF THEY ARE TEMPORARY OR SUMMER PERSONNEL! Anyone who uses animals at any time under a UCUCA-approved protocol MUST be listed on that protocol before using animals.
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