

UM UCUCA PROGRAM FOR THE MONITORING OF APPROVED PROTOCOLS

According to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, the University Committee on Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA) is charged with the responsibility to oversee and evaluate the University's animal program, procedures, and facilities to ensure that they are consistent with the recommendations in the *Guide*, the regulations of the Animal Welfare Act, and the Public Health Service Policy of Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

After a protocol is approved, the UCUCA has the responsibility to ensure that the procedures carried out in the laboratory or classroom are as described in the protocol. In order to ensure continuing compliance, post approval monitoring of UCUCA-approved protocols will be conducted.

Protocols to be monitored will be either randomly chosen, suggested by personnel, or as means of follow-up of past non-compliance issues. Post-approval monitoring can be carried out at any time by either visiting a laboratory with an approved UCUCA protocol or by visiting any of the animal housing facilities. A member of the UCUCA Office staff or designate will compare what is described in the approved protocol with the techniques and procedures that are being conducted on animals. In addition to these procedures other aspects are reviewed, such as the training of individuals in the laboratory, the storage and expiration dates of pharmaceuticals, personnel and animal safety issues, and general laboratory maintenance.

All occurrences of post-approval monitoring will be reviewed semi-annually by the UCUCA. Any cases of serious non-compliance will be immediately brought before the UCUCA to determine the appropriate course of action.

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