**IACUC Program**

**“DO’S & DON’TS”**

**Do:**
- Read your protocol prior to performing an experiment to ensure the activities you wish to perform are explicitly described.
- Review the approved analgesia listed on the protocol and administer as approved.
- Read and follow all iRIS questions, instructions and help text when completing a protocol or amendment submission.
- Amend your protocol before initiating a change to procedures, compounds, or drugs utilized with live animals.
- Perform rodent surgery as described in IACUC Guidance.
- Store and label drugs and compounds placed in secondary containers as described in IACUC Guidance.
- Perform activities as described in IACUC Guidance, or describe exceptions in the protocol.
- Dispose of drugs, compounds and medical materials when they reach their expiration date; sooner if not in use.
- Update the personnel and use locations for your protocol as changes occur.
- Report adverse events and incidents of non-adherence to the protocol promptly.
- Maintain appropriate surgical and non-surgical anesthesia and analgesia records.
- Contact the Office of the Attending Veterinarian for assistance with procedural training, unexpected clinical signs, and selecting appropriate clinical drugs and techniques for new projects.

**Don’t:**
- Mix and match activities between experimental aims.
- Perform activities not listed explicitly on the protocol, including, but not limited to, administration of drugs or test compounds, blood collection, behavioral testing, or other procedures.
- Anesthetize animals if the anesthetic procedure is not described in the protocol without Attending Veterinarian oversight.
- Withhold analgesia for painful procedures unless approved in the protocol.
- Withhold food or water unless approved in the protocol.
- Perform recovery/survival surgery non-aseptically.
- Administer drugs or compounds past their expiration date to live animals.
- Store drugs or compounds in inappropriate containers.
- Use expired surgical scrub or disinfectant.
- Use expired medical materials without prior IACUC approval.
- Forget to update the lab locations on the protocol where activities with live animals occur.
- Forget to update protocol personnel when changes occur.
- Wait until the last minute to start your de Novo renewal protocol.

*Don’t be afraid to ask for help from the Animal Welfare Office and your vivarium or housing veterinary staff!*

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