

# IACUC Program “Do’s & Don’ts”



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## 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 eSirius 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 304
- Store and label drugs and compounds placed in secondary containers as described in IACUC Guidance 608
- 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 UAC Veterinary Services 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, and use of live animals to practice procedures or train new staff (as stand-alone activity)
- Anesthetize animals if the anesthetic procedure is not described in the protocol without UAC veterinary 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 (see IACUC Guidance 608)
- 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
- Wait until the last minute to start your de Novo renewal protocol
- Forget to request administrative review prior to submitting protocols and amendments in eSirius
- Be afraid to ask for help from the IACUC Program staff!