University of Cincinnati
Animal Care and Use Program (ACUP)

Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM) - Lab Self-Assessment Checklist

This checklist may assist your lab in self-evaluating and preparing for your upcoming PAM visit.

Protocol and Personnel
☐ All personnel involved with in-vivo animal work are listed on the protocol team of the IACUC protocol
☐ Protocol team members have read and understand the animal use protocol
☐ Research staff know where to find ACUP policies and guidelines
☐ Research staff have completed all applicable ACUP training
☐ In the event of an animal medical emergency, laboratory personnel know how to contact the LAMS veterinary staff
☐ Protocol team familiar on reporting animal welfare concerns to the IACUC Office, LAMS Veterinarian or the UC Anonymous Reporting Hotline

Satellite and Storage Spaces
☐ Satellite animal use locations are listed in the IACUC protocol
☐ Labs with approved satellite housing location(s) are familiar with the Satellite Housing policy and have a daily operations SOP readily available
☐ Labs with satellite procedure or diet storage location(s) are in alignment with Satellite Animal Use Areas and Diet Storage Guidelines
☐ Animal work area is clearly labeled, sanitized frequently and free from clutter and debris
☐ Supplies, medications and secondary container labeling in alignment with the Use of Expired Materials, Non-Pharmaceutical Grade Substance and Labeling policy requirements
☐ Lab properly storing and logging controlled substances
☒ Procedures in place for segregating and disposing of expired drugs and substances

Animal Care
☐ Research staff familiar with LAMS expectations for colony management (weaning, enrichment, etc.)
☐ Research staff familiar with offspring reporting process
☐ Animals are being monitored as described in the experiment of the IACUC protocol

Anesthesia, Surgery
If your lab performs recovery surgery:
☐ Lab members familiar with the Survival Animal Surgery and Rodent Anesthesia and System guidelines
☐ Protocol team members performing or assisting in surgery or post-operative care have completed the required Principles of Surgery training
☐ Surgical area has dedicated separate areas for prep/recovery and surgery
☐ Animal is prepped by clipping fur and disinfection of surgical site
☐ Lab provides heat source intra and post op
☐ Surgical instruments are sterilized and in a wrapped pack or pouch
☐ Sterile surgical packs are labeled and dated appropriately
☐ Surgical records up to date and available to review
☐ Proper maintenance of equipment (hoods, vaporizers)
☐ Gas cylinders secured
☐ Analgesia regimen and post-operative monitoring in alignment with IACUC protocol

Check out the Animal Care and Use Program's Bearcat Landing page for up-to-date information!

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