Animal Care & Use Program (ACUP)
Quarterly Informational Meeting

November 29, 2022
1:30pm CST via Zoom
ACUP Updates
AAALAC International Site Visit

AAALAC International:
- Gold standard
- Accrediting body for animal care and use programs

Vanderbilt ACUP accredited since 1967

Site Visits conducted every three years

Next site visit: First Trimester 2023
(Program description due December 2022)
Top Ten Things to Prepare for AAALAC

- **Be familiar with your IACUC Approved Protocols**
- Confirm all personnel with exposure to animals and/or their tissues are enrolled in the Vanderbilt Animal Care and Use [Occupational Health Program](#) and compliant with all requirements.
- Know the risks associated with any **hazardous agents** (chemical, radioactive, or biological agents) used in your research.
- Be familiar with [IACUC policies and SOPs](#) pertaining to the experiments performed in your lab.
- Make sure each person can describe the **training** they’ve received and provide documentation as appropriate.
Top Ten Things to Prepare for AAALAC

- Make sure personnel are familiar with the appropriate manner and routes for **transporting animals**.
- Review and comply with all **personal protective equipment (PPE)** requirements for your species and facilities.
- Make sure **your records are up to date** and readily available.
- Pick a single **“point of contact”** for your lab.
- **Clean and organize your lab.** First impressions are important.
How to Prepare for AAALAC

• Schedule a mock site visit
  • Call the OAWA office: 615-936-8160
  • Email iacuc.submissions@vumc.org
Organizational Changes

Departures

Michael Pryor
Associate Director of Operations

Jessica Hunt
Cage Wash Facilities Manager
Welcome
Mandy Poe
Post-Approval Monitor
Office of Animal Welfare Assurance

Promotion
Wesley Fox
Animal Facility Manager
MCN II 7th Floor
Promotion
Jeremy Parker
Associate Director of Operations
Interim Animal Facility Manager
Wilson Hall, MCN I, and IAF
IACUC/OAWA Updates
Vanderbilt continues to be in a “High Inspection Frequency” status and should expect follow-up visits.

One item of non-compliant found and corrected during this inspection
• Expired feed in sheep housing room.
January 2023
IACUC Semi-Annual Inspections

REMINDER: Top Items of Non-compliance from July 2022

- Expired Items
- Record Keeping
**Vanderbilt University Medical Center**  
**January 2023 Semi Annual Inspection Schedule**

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Isoflurane Training—Due January 2

- All personnel associated with procedures that utilize isoflurane on IACUC protocols will need to complete a training module in the Learning Exchange
  - Training to be deployed soon and must be completed by December 2022
  - Training (or passing score on pre-test) will be required every 3 years

- Training focuses on the safe use of isoflurane anesthesia equipment

- Enrollment emails have been sent from the Learning Exchange (noreply@myabsorb.com). If you did not receive one, please contact acuptraining@vumc.org.
Veterinary/Clinical Updates
REMINDER

Contact DAC Veterinarians if you experience any unanticipated adverse consequences resulting in animal welfare concerns or death.

**This is especially important when working with USDA species.
Requirements for Licensure when Ordering Veterinary Drugs

- Veterinary pharmacies (Patterson, Covetrus, MWI, etc.) are now requiring a TN Board of Pharmacy License to purchase **ANY** veterinary drug

- Existing accounts may be audited and asked to provide license

- Please see Controlled Drugs Info Sheet (ACUP website) for link to TN Board of Pharmacy website: [https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pharmacy-board/pharmacy-board/applications.htm](https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pharmacy-board/pharmacy-board/applications.htm)
Requirements for Licensure when Ordering Veterinary Drugs

**RESEARCHER** (Ph.D.)

- Ordering drugs for animal research
- **TN RESEARCH license**
- **DEA RESEARCH registration**

**CLINICIAN/RESEARCHER** (M.D./Ph.D.)

- Ordering drugs for clinical use
- Ordering drugs for animal research
- **TN MEDICAL license**
- **DEA MEDICAL registration**
- **TN RESEARCH license**
- **DEA RESEARCH registration**

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**ALL Veterinary Drugs**
DEA Inspections – Let OAWA Know

If the DEA shows up for an inspection:

- Inform ACUP Administrative Office at 615-322-2231
- Complete visitor forms if accessing animal facility
- Representative to assist upon request
- Ask to see the DEA Inspector’s “Notice of Inspection” (NOI) and badge
- Confirm inspector is with DEA by calling the DEA Diversion Group Supervisor at 615-736-2560
- Answer all questions truthfully
Operations Updates
2022 – 2023 DAC Holiday Animal Delivery Schedule

Orders submitted after December 6th will be processed for delivery when normal deliveries resume January 3, 2023.

No orders will be delivered from 12/19/2022 to 01/02/2023.

If you have questions, please email dacprocurement@vumc.org.
Construction Update

MCN II Cage Wash Pit Repair and Rack Washer Replacement Project

Project Status: COMPLETE

Training Complete
Full Operational as of November 8.
Operation Updates – Approved Exceptions

Guide for the Care & Use of Animals, 8th edition

“Solid-bottom caging, bottles, and sipper tubes usually require sanitation at least once a week. Some types of cages and housing systems may require less frequent cleaning or disinfection; such housing may include .......individually ventilated cages, and cages used for special situations.”

Select VUMC/VU IACUC Approved Exceptions to the Guide:

- Continued extension of IVC rodent cage changes out to 21 days.

Staff will continue to “spot change” cage components when they are observed to have excessive soiling.

- Examples where excessive soiling of wire bar lids are more likely to occur include but are not limited to:
  - Cages receiving high fat diets
  - Cages receiving other medicated diets
Save the Date

The next ACUP Quarterly Informational Meeting
February 16, 2023