

## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER | ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CENTER

### **Subject: Post IACUC Semi-Annual Site Visit**

Source: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Office of Laboratory Animal Resources (OLAR)  
Effective Date: 11/13/2023  
Replaces: 06/12/2023  
Applies to: Personnel and facilities involved in research or teaching studies using animals  
Reference: Animal Welfare Act; PHS Policy on Humane Care & Use of Laboratory



The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) maintains oversight review for federally mandated rules and regulations with regard to animal research, ethics, misconduct and biomedical research for the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Center. The Office of Laboratory Animal Resources (OLAR) is responsible for the health and well-being of the animals used in research at all University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Center vivarium and Satellite Facilities. Individual Investigators that maintain IACUC approved satellite facilities are responsible for maintaining their facilities to the standard set by the IACUC.

### **Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the institution maintains compliance with applicable animal care and use policies, guidelines and laws. PHS Policy and Animal Welfare Regulations state that the IACUC must inspect all institutional animal facilities at least once every six months using *The Guide* as the basis for evaluation. A written report of the semiannual facility inspection must be prepared specifically identifying any deviations from these regulatory and policy documents. A specific plan and schedule with dates for correction must be included in the report. If the institution is unable to meet the plan, then NIH must be informed.

### **Procedures**

- During the IACUC semi-annual site visit any regulatory or policy deviations are documented.
- A time frame is established for correction by the IACUC and must be adhered to.
- The Principal Investigator, and if the deviation occurred in the vivarium, the Vivarium Facility Managers and other relevant personnel are notified of both the deviations and the IACUC mandated time frame for correction after the site visit.
  - Correction includes correction of the violation and/or disposal of the outdated drug.
- If the deviation occurs in the vivarium, the Vivarium Facility Manager will assist the IACUC and confirm correction of the deviation after the mandated time frame set by the IACUC.
  - Prior to the time frame set by the IACUC, the IACUC Office will contact the Facility Manager.
  - If the deviation is not corrected within the IACUC mandated time frame, the Vivarium Facility Manager, or their designee, will correct the violation and a fee of \$50 will be charged to the Principal Investigator. This may include removal or disposal of the item or temporary revoking badge access.
- Failure to correct a deficiency identified during the semiannual evaluation by the IACUC mandated date is an OLAW reportable event. If not corrected by the IACUC mandated date, the IACUC will report the failure to correct a deficiency identified during a semiannual evaluation to OLAW (NIH).
- The regulatory or policy deviations are citable offences by regulatory oversight bodies (OLAW; USDA; AAALAC) and cannot be allowed to continue.