Hi Animal Users! 
Gosh, is it Thanksgiving yet?

November 2015

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Proposed Training Schedule

AMIS Training
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Date: 11/01/2015
Register: iacuc@utep.edu / voigting-services@utep.edu

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Didactic Seminar
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
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Next IACUC Meeting
Date: 11/20/2015
Location: Kelly Hall, Room 701

Submission Deadline for Nov: 11/5/2015
Submission Deadline for Dec: 12/5/2015
http://research.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=58972

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Dear Chester,

What can I expect on my consultation with the AV while drafting my applications for IACUC review?

Great question!
First, you would want to schedule an appointment by email (cherryd@utep.edu or phone) with the AV well in advance. Preferably, two months prior to the IACUC meeting in which you would like your application to be considered for review. Meetings typically run from 1-2 hours long and can be more than one session if needed; sometimes it can be overwhelming when you are starting from scratch.

Be prepared by bringing a working draft of protocol/amendments/appendices – hard copy and as an electronic file. Something to take note with. Experimental diagrams detailing procedures to be performed on animals, and timeline/schedule for each experimental group. Investigators may have already constructed these diagrams/timelines as a part of a proposal which saves PI time! References to your own publications or those of colleagues that have used procedures similar, surgical protocols are kept

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Don’t forget to have a statistical analysis meeting completed prior to the consultation, as animal numbers and experimental design are important to know early in the process.

Remember, protocols that fall under Pain Categories D & E are required to be approved two months prior to the IACUC meeting in which they will be inspected. Protocols that fall under Pain Categories A & B will be inspected at the time of approval. These protocols may have animal numbers and experimental design important to know early in the process.

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