



Research Tips

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Stimulus Funding Update (ARRA)

As of January 7, 2010, UCDenver has submitted 578 ARRA proposals and received ARRA funding for a total of 122 ARRA awards funded at \$53,089,054.

IACUC: FOOD AND DRINK IN ANIMAL USE AREAS

Please remember that eating or drinking is prohibited in areas where animals are housed or used. This includes animal housing rooms, procedure rooms and laboratories where animals are kept or used for any length of time and for any procedure.

The "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" states "Personnel should not be permitted to eat, drink, use tobacco products, or apply cosmetics in animal rooms". Animal rooms include animal housing rooms, procedure rooms and laboratories. I would also add that the use of excessive perfume or cologne, including scented lotions, is also strongly discouraged, especially in the animal housing rooms.

Storage of food and beverages are not allowed in refrigerators, cold rooms or ice chests that contain any animal products. Storage of food and beverages is prohibited except in designated break areas.

Cups, water bottles and other food and beverage items are not allowed in areas where animals are being used, including laboratories.

Food stored in the laboratory that is used for research must be labeled "Not for human consumption".

All animal feed must be stored in sealed containers.

Grants and Contracts

Federal Training Grant/Fellowship stipend Reminder: Generally, each level must be paid for a consecutive 12 months before the stipend may be increased to the next level. This would result in a raise becoming effective on a date other than the award's budget end date. To help facilitate annual reporting, please ensure the stipend amount is correct based on the Federal Levels before the Post Doc/Fellow is set-up in the HRMS system. In addition, this correct amount must be consistently reported on the Statement of Appointment, and the Termination Notice as all three data points are compared by our Sponsors. To expedite this reporting process, please consider requesting access to NIH Commons from your PI. This will allow you to submit the Statement of Appointment and Termination notice electronically.

Dr. T's Corner



Nationwide voluntary ketamine recall by Teva Animal Health. January 4, 2010:

The following information is posted on the AVMA Web site at <http://www.avma.org/news/ketamine.asp> and will be updated as necessary. The statement below contains updates based on information received from the FDA, Fort Dodge/Pfizer, and Teva Animal Health on January 4, 2010. On December 22, 2009, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a nationwide voluntary recall of ketamine hydrochloride injectable (100mg/ml, 10 ml vials) manufactured by Teva Animal Health, Inc. Not all Teva products are affected by the recall. Teva Animal Health also manufactures ketamine hydrochloride products for other companies. These products are sold under various brand names and can include the following:

- AmTech Group, Inc. (Ketamine Hydrochloride Injection, USP)
- Butler (KetaThesia)
- LLOYD Laboratories (VetaKet)
- Phoenix (Ketaject)
- RXV (Keta-Sthetic)
- VEDCO (KetaVed)
- Fort Dodge/Pfizer (Ketaset)

Teva Animal Health does not distribute products internationally.

Teva Animal Health is not the only manufacturer of ketamine hydrochloride in the U.S. and not all products sold under the above-listed names are affected. Therefore, regardless of the brand name on the product, look at the lot number on all ketamine hydrochloride (100 mg/ml in 10 ml vials) products.

- If the lot number is 6 numeric digits, the product is NOT part of the recall
- If the lot number is 7 numeric digits, the product should be returned
- If the lot number starts with "5401", regardless of the number of digits or the presence of letters in the lot code, the product should be returned

For additional information and ongoing updates, please bookmark <http://www.avma.org/news/ketamine.asp> and check back there regularly. If the link does not work when you click on it, please cut/paste into your browser address window.

Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (COMIRB)

The training sessions on the new integrated electronic system continue. If you wish to learn how to access the new "protocol manager" and track your protocols please attend one of the up-coming sessions detailed on the COMIRB website:

<http://comirbweb.ucdenver.pvt/portal>. If the link does not work when you click on it, please cut/paste into your browser address window.

We are also now training on "How to submit a request for Exemption" using the new electronic system at these sessions too. If you attended an earlier session and can already access the system then you only need to attend the second hour of the sessions posted.

Profile: Pamela J. Jones, PhD

Pamela J. Jones, Ph.D. joined the Office of Vice Chancellor for Research as the Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC) in February 2005. Grants and Contracts administers over \$370M/year in awards and \$400M/year in expenditures for UCDenver faculty. OGC is comprised of a 40-member staff focused on supporting faculty in their efforts to secure external funding along with providing assistance in the maintenance of



Pam Jones, PhD

high-level compliance with sponsor guidelines and university policy. Dr. Jones brings over 32 years of experience in health care administration to UCDenver most recently serving 4 1/2 years with UCDenver Grants and Contracts and 14 years with University Physicians, Inc./CU School of Medicine as Director of Managed Care and Marketing. Pam holds a B.S from Colorado State University, an M.S.S. from University of Denver, a Doctorate in Public Administration from UCDenver and has participated in post-doctorate study at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Pam is currently a Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics - CU School of Medicine. Pam is responsible for pre-awards and post-awards and has revamped the system so that both are operating smoothly. Pam and her OGC group deserve great praise during the course of submission of grant proposals for stimulus dollars (ARRA). Since March 23, 2009, UCDenver has successfully submitted more than 570 grant proposals in addition to the usual business of other grants and contracts. If you are having any problems with OGC, please contact Pam (pamela.jones@ucdenver.edu). Pam and her family enjoy camping in the mountains of Colorado, and their R.V. (Big Dolores) takes them everywhere they want to go.

Office of Research Development and Education (ORDE) Fall Seminar Report

Our three Faculty Seminars, "Your Research: The Building Blocks of Proposals" which were held in October filled quickly. This seminar, recently developed by ORDE staff, was designed specifically for new faculty or faculty new to research. As is our tradition, we include Faculty Guest Speakers in our seminars who are encouraged to speak directly from their knowledge base, bringing guidance and anecdotes to our seminar participants. We appreciate the fine work done by our Faculty Guest Speakers, Amy Bodkin and Sharry Erzinger. We were pleased to have both of our November Faculty Seminars, "Preparation for Proposal Writing: Strategic Elements of Success," so well attended. The Faculty enjoyed and benefited a great deal from our two Faculty Guest Speakers. John Cohen and Laura Argys gave wonderful presentations filled with personal experiences and advice on Proposal Preparation.

The diversity of shared experience and knowledge brought together in our seminars is supporting the effort for excellence in our research community. We have built a proposal development curriculum for University researchers and we always have faculty in our seminars who have taken previous seminars with us. While there are no prerequisites for any of our seminars, we have had very positive feedback from our repeat customers. Don Bridger, ORDE Assistant Director, spoke with one faculty member who had attended all of our seminars and was then in the process of writing her first R01 and another ready to turn in her first R01. Both indicated they felt more prepared for this effort by taking advantage of ORDE seminars. We wish the best to all of you submitting proposals and we are here to support you and assist you in any way we can. Please contact ORDE at 303-315-5826 with your proposal development questions and be sure to visit our website at <http://research.cudenver.edu>. If the link does not work when you click on it, please cut/paste into your browser address window.

Office of Laboratory and Animal Resources (OLAR) Reminders:

DEA License - This is a reminder that as of July 1, 2010 OLAR can no longer support investigators using controlled substances. It is a requirement that you obtain your own DEA license, order and control your own stock of drugs. It is taking most people 3-4 months to obtain a license, so please start now.

Rederivation and Closure of RC-1 - Please remember that RC-1 will close on March 31, 2010. All research studies involving animals must be ended by this time. RC-1 will be closed for ALL animal studies for a period of approximately 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, limited studies will be allowed to start back into RC-1 (BSL, Behavior, Imaging, non-rodent studies). Breeding animals will be moved back to RC-1 after full sentinel and environmental testing is completed (approximately 8 additional weeks). Our plan is to open RC-1 in full as of July 1, 2010.

Please note that mice are not allowed to be transferred from RC1 to R2, NO exceptions. Please plan accordingly.

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Revised Policy Concerning: Rodent Overcrowding

The most important changes to the policy are:

1. Changed the maximum date of weaning from 25 days to 28 days
2. More detail regarding Triad/harem breeding schemes and the need to separate females prior to them giving birth.
3. Changed how breeding cages are labeled so that they are more easily identified and monitored by OLAR staff and research staff.
4. Changed who is notified of problems with the cage:
 - a. Only the PI and contact person listed on the cage card.
 - b. The Wean Card will be the only notification of weaning. OLAR will not be sending overcrowded e-mail notices for weaning.

These changes are effective immediately. The revised policies are posted on our website at http://www.uchsc.edu/animal/acup_programpolicies.shtm. If the link does not work when you click on it, please cut/paste into your browser address window. If you have questions or concerns please contact Dr. Mark A. Douse (Director, IACUC Office - 303-724-1057).