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New procedure location within the animal program overseen by the IACUC;
Increase in animal numbers no greater than 10% of the original approved animal numbers

Changes that do NOT require PI to submit Amendment for Administrative Approval:

Changes that may be handled administratively without additional PI submission of an amendment, IACUC-approval, veterinary consultations, or notifications include:

- Correction of typographical errors, grammar;
- Contact information updates;
- Removal of personnel.

Examples of changes not requiring review or approval:

- Use of fewer animals than approved or omission of experiments, experimental procedures or surgeries (this does not include withholding anesthetics, analgesics, sedatives, or other required pain-relieving measures);
- Change in strain, stock or breed including genetically modified stocks and strains (not associated with pain or distress or unusual mortality or morbidity at a stage beyond embryonic development or pain or distress);
- Change to sterile caging;
- Physical changes that reduce pain, distress, trauma or infection such as changing to a smaller needle or implant, an earlier endpoint, making a smaller incision, using a less traumatic surgical approach, leaving an animal in its familiar environment for a procedure rather than taking it elsewhere, achieving greater tissue apposition during surgery or using sterile gowns for rodent surgery;
- Change that increase human safety that do not impact animal welfare or research objectives such as using additional PPE or less of a toxic or noxious substance;
- Change in brand name or source of identical drugs, suture, materials or supplies;
- Use of discarded carcasses, tissues, organs, blood, eggs, etc. from animals as described in IACUC Policies;
- Replacement of animals that die or are euthanized for health reasons before research manipulations occur;
- Change in like housing, procedure or surgery rooms within the PRL facility.

3. PROCEDURE for VETERINARY VERIFICATION & CONSULTATION (VVC)

Mode of Communication and Submission of Requests

Communications described below may be made electronically via the Research Compliance Office (RCO)

Requesting VVC

Anyone on an approved protocol may request VVC from the Attending Veterinarian authorized by the IACUC. In addition, the RCO may determine that changes received as an amendment or by other modes fall within VVC and will refer the amendment to the Attending Veterinarian. The Attending Veterinarian may also initiate a VVC and use it to prescribe or withdraw standard-of-care veterinary purview items or activities as detailed above.



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When Changes May Be Initiated by the Laboratory