UMKC IACUC POLICY

Photography and Videotaping within the LARC Facility

Policy: Applicable to all UMKC faculty, staff, employees and students involved in the care or use of University animals.

Background: With the increase in animal rights activism and the widespread usage of mobile phones, etc. with photographic and video capabilities, this policy has been developed to specify under what conditions photography and videotaping are permitted within the Laboratory Animal Research Core. The intent of the policy is to protect UMKC, its investigators and animal care staff from inappropriate photography and videotaping within the facility while accommodating the needs of investigators who require the use of photography and videotaping for collection of research data.

Use of Photography and Videotaping in The Laboratory Animal Research Core (LARC)

- The UMKC-IACUC protocol form (revised March 2011) includes a section on the use of photography and videotaping within the LARC facility. In this section, the investigator will specify whether their research project requires the use of photography or videotaping within the LARC and will provide details on the nature of the photography and videotaping as well as the room numbers in which it will be performed.

- Approval of an IACUC protocol that includes photography or videotaping within the LARC facility results in all individuals named on that protocol having privileges to perform photography or videotaping as specified in the protocol.

- To accommodate investigators for whom there becomes a previously unanticipated scientific need for taking photographs within the LARC facility, photography and videotaping will be permitted if the following procedure is followed:
  1. The PI of the project sends an e-mail request to the LARC manager, IACUC chair or IACUC coordinator requesting permission to take photographs or video. This must include the room number in which the photography or videotaping will be performed, a brief description of the nature of the photography or video and a brief justification for the scientific need.
  2. The PI then receives a reply from one of these individuals giving approval for the photography or videotaping to proceed.

- Unless the PI has an approved protocol that includes the use of photography or videotaping or has obtained the required permissions from the LARC manager, IACUC chair or IACUC coordinator via e-mail, photography and videotaping are NOT PERMITTED within the LARC facility.

- NO CELLULAR PHONES or other devices capable of photography or videotaping are permitted to be used for purposes of photography or videotaping in the facility unless the PI has approval in an active IACUC protocol or has obtained the required permissions from the LARC manager, IACUC chair or IACUC coordinator via e-mail.