

Key Questions to Consider before a CPR Visit

Protocol

Does the protocol accurately reflect the experiment/activity as being performed or contemplated?

Are any modifications needed to update changes made?

Is the protocol readily available to your research or teaching personnel who should or need to know what it says?

Training

Have all personnel handling or performing procedures with animals completed the necessary training as per IACUC policy 106? (<https://www.research.uky.edu/uploads/iacuc-106>) Do you have training programs/documentation for personnel actually manipulating animals, e.g. surgery, bleeding, injections, etc.?

Personnel

Are all personnel who are working on your protocol using animals, listed in either the original approved protocol or in modifications?

Are personnel using the appropriate PPE for the species and procedures?

Research/Teaching Animals

Are you using the species listed in your approved protocol?

Are there special husbandry provisions in use, i.e., food restriction or special feed/water?

Surgery

Is there a clean, uncluttered, dedicated area for surgeries?

Are sterilized instruments being used before and between surgeries?

Is surgery done using aseptic techniques?

Are the criteria for cessation of post surgical monitoring indicated and clear?

Is there only one major surgery performed on each animal (unless prior approval by IACUC)?

Record Keeping

Do you maintain accurate records and/or documentation on your experimental procedures, e.g., injections, biopsies, medications, etc.?

Are the animals identified by protocol and/or id # in the lab records?

Is anesthetic monitoring and analgesic dosing accurately documented?

Do you have records to document the number of animals used to date in your protocol?