

IACUC Guidelines for Post Approval Monitoring (PAM)

Guiding Principle: The use of animals in research and teaching is a privilege granted to institutions, investigators, staff and students that commit to meeting high ethical and regulatory standards. To comply with federal regulations, guidelines, and institutional policy, UWM requires that the IACUC review all research, teaching, or testing involving live vertebrate animals. This includes animal field studies defined as activities involving a live vertebrate animal not performed in a laboratory.

The IACUC must ensure that ongoing research accurately reflects activities outlined in the approved protocols. Post approval monitoring (PAM) is an in-person review of an approved protocol to ensure the lab is in compliance with the protocol itself, as well as applicable University and Federal regulations.

Ultimately, the PAM visit will confirm that the manner in which the IACUC understood and approved an animal protocol is consistent with the way its procedures are being performed.

Protocols are randomly selected from a list of approved IACUC protocols. Protocols may also be selected based on pain category, or because of a filed concern/complaint and/or reported adverse event.

Post-Approval Monitor Visit:

The IACUC Administrator will contact the PI to schedule the PAM visit. Two or more IACUC members will meet with the lab. The PAM visit includes a review of records and lab notebook's as well as a discussion of the active project. At least one approved procedure will be observed. Following the PAM visit, a report will be sent to the PI (appropriate lab staff may be copied) summarizing the visit. The following are potential outcomes:

- All procedures are compliant, no follow up needed.
- Minor comments/recommendations which may or may not require follow-up. If follow-up is needed, a timeline will be initially determined by the IACUC members who were present during the visit. This will be reviewed at the next IACUC meeting.
- If Significant deficiencies noted, the timeline is established as described above; however, serious and/or significant findings will also be discussed by the AV and IACUC Chair immediately and interim action taken as necessary.