

PURDUE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY ANIMAL PROGRAM

Treatment Administration to Animals Under Veterinary Care

An LAP veterinarian may prescribe or provide treatment(s) for animals under their care, after consultation with the principal investigator (PI) or his/her designate. When initiation of treatment in a timely fashion is imperative, LAP staff may administer the first dose of medication, however, it will be the responsibility of the research/animal care staff to perform routine treatments prescribed by LAP.

Health Records

Instructions for administration of treatments will be clearly written on the Medical Record (Clinical Activity Report - CAR), including drug to be given, dose, duration and frequency of administration. A prescription may also be written, in which drug, dosage, duration and frequency of administration are detailed.

Treatment Records

Treatment records must be maintained for all animals. Routine husbandry and preventive medical procedures (e.g., vaccinations and dewormings) performed on a group of animals may be recorded on herd-health type records. Individual animal treatment records should be maintained for non-rodent species, and, in certain instances, for rodents also. Each treatment must be recorded extemporaneously, dated and initialed by the person performing the treatment. Treatment records should be maintained in the animal area and be easily accessible for inspection by PACUC, LAP veterinary staff or USDA inspectors.