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Dear Project Investigators (PIs)

It has come to our attention that some investigators did not comply with the use of analgesics for post-operative management of animals, as is required in the approved protocols. We were also informed by Comparative Medicine (CM) that there are not many requests from PIs for Buprenorphine; this is curious and disturbing.

The IACUC would therefore like to remind investigators to adhere to the IACUC guidelines on the use of analgesics in their post-operative care of animals. Such non-use of analgesics constitutes a serious violation punishable by research suspension or even withdrawal of protocol approval.

PIs should ensure that team members, particularly students, comply with the use of analgesics when working on procedures with approved post operative animal care, involving analgesics.

As indicated in the CM e-newsletter, Buprenorphine, in addition to Carprofen, is available as an analgesic choice and can be readily obtained from the CM Pharmacy. Please consult CM veterinarians on the analgesic drugs best suited for your research.

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