Loyola University Chicago
Comparative Medicine Facility

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Number: 02-18-5100
Service: Research
Operating Section: Administration
Unit: CMF
Title: Occupational Health and Safety Program Overview

Purpose:
To summarize the Occupational Health Program (OHP) for staff having exposure to research animals in the CMF. Personnel responsible for monitoring the program include the CMF Assistant Director and Employee/Student Health.

Procedure:
1) The Occupational Health Program (OHP) is managed by the Employee/Student Health Service (ESH), LUMC. It is designed to protect both the personnel and the laboratory animals. Personnel included in the program are those involved in the direct care of animals and their living quarters as well as those individuals who have direct contact with animals (live or dead), their viable tissues, body fluids, or wastes. This includes all CMF staff, Investigators, personnel in LUC Facilities.

2) For personnel working with or near radioactive materials, it is mandatory that they participate in the Radiation Safety Training Program.

3) Additional training is available in the CMF Technician Training Program, including zoonoses and other health hazards associated with individual species.

4) The physical for individuals with animal contact includes a medical examination, annual tuberculosis screening and respirator fit testing (for those working with nonhuman primates), opportunity for rabies vaccination (for those working with dogs & cats), and hepatitis vaccinations. Toxoplasma serum titer checks for all women of childbearing age who are working with cats.