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Reminder: Proper Record of Drug Issuance and Usage

During recent semi-annual inspections of departmental animal holding facilities and research laboratories by the Committee on the Use of Live Animals in Teaching and Research (CULATR), it was noted that some Departmental Laboratory Managers/Laboratory Superintendents had kept a record of drugs issued to principal investigators (PIs) and their research team members for use in animal experiments in PIs' laboratories but they did not have the mandate to monitor the usage of drugs in research laboratories.

In order to prevent abuse use of drugs by any person involved in animal experiments, the Committee would like Department Heads to remind all PIs to keep a proper record of drug usage by maintaining separate and accurate inventories for each CULATR-approved drug. These drug inventory records should be submitted to the Departmental Laboratory Managers/Laboratory Superintendents regularly for cross-checking with their own drug issuance records. CULATR will conduct inspection of drug issuance and usage records during its semi-annual inspections and uninformed visits.

Your cooperation in this matter would be highly appreciated.



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