POLICY ON DOCUMENTATION OF OBSERVATIONS AND ANALGESIC THERAPY FOR RODENTS AND BIRDS

UCAR Action regarding noncompliant pain management and surgical documentation with green cards The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals states “Pain is a stressor and, if not relieved, can lead to unacceptable levels of stress and distress in animals. Furthermore, unrelieved pain may lead to pain response to otherwise nonpainful stimuli (allodynia: Joski and Ogunnaike 2005). For these reasons, the proper use of anesthetics and analgesics in research animals is an ethical and scientific imperative” (The Guide, p.120).

As such, Investigators are required to monitor animals, provide post-procedure analgesia as described in their approved UCAR protocols, and document the observations and analgesic administration appropriately. The observations EMC /P <</MCID 5 >>BDC -operative analgesics to ensure compliance with the written approved protocols. If discrepancies are identified, UCAR will send a letter notifying the Principal Investigator of the noncompliance and will require an action plan to prevent any reoccurrence.

If a second occurrence of failure to administer or document analgesic administt(o)-6.7 (n)2.3 (is)-1 at DCM mentor the research laboratory staff on appropriate pain will also administer pre-emptive and post-operative analgesics for post ense for a minimum period of three months, from the next surgical M) associated with analgesic doses and DCM’s time to administer the .

document observation and administration of analgesics in an animal ncern and will be discussed by UCAR. Inappropriate dosing of analgesics inistration of analgesics can be reported if UCAR votes to do so. If the urred is supported by PHS, a report will be made to the Office of e protocol is not supported by PHS, then UCAR may make a report t nd their Department Chair.

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/guide-for-the-care-and-use-of-laboratory-animals.pdf

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