ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

(b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

The facility is not always using appropriate methods to treat with antibiotics or to monitor the animals during anesthesia, even though they have established programs of veterinary care. Examples include:

--An eleven day old kitten began a veterinarian prescribed twice daily treatment with Amoxicillin on 4/6/10. On 4/7/10, the Amoxicillin was given at 09:00 am and approximately 15:00. The next dose was given on 4/8/10 at approximately 07:00 am. This is an interval of 16 hours between doses. Twice daily antibiotics should be given at intervals of approximately 12 hours. Antibiotics are not as effective when given at inappropriate intervals and this may endanger the animals.

--A primate was anesthetized for 20 minutes while the veterinarian sutured the primate’s finger. No evidence of monitoring during the procedure could be furnished. The IACUC approved monitoring procedures require: "Write in data at least every 15 minutes during surgery." The facility needs to follow the IACUC approved procedures for monitoring anesthesia to ensure the safety of the animals.

The facility needs to ensure that appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries are consistently applied, including the use of correct drug dosing intervals and appropriate monitoring during anesthesia.

Previous correction date assigned on 3-24-2010 was "from this point forward".

Exit interview was conducted with the Directors of the Office of Comparative Medicine and the IACUC.