

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM) Checklist

Principal Investigator	
Department	
Protocol Number & Title	
Date of Review	

		Protocol	PAM Observation
Personnel, Location, and Biosafety			
1.	Where are the most recent protocol, amendments, and SOPs kept?		
2.	Who are the personnel listed on the protocol?		
3.	Where is the location of the laboratory and animal housing?		
4.	How long are animals kept in the laboratory?		
5.	What PPE is necessary for the personnel on the study?		
6.	What is the biosafety level?		
7.	Are there any specific safety concerns or necessary precautions?		
8.	If there is an SOP, is it being followed?		
9.	What are the species, strains, and ages of animals?		

Record Keeping		
1.	How are the animals identified?	
2.	How are animal numbers (animals that are used) accounted for?	
3.	Are drugs, suture materials, and other items within the expiration date?	
4.	Where are the controlled drugs and record log kept?	
5.	If animal health variables are monitored (body weight, food/fluid consumption, etc) are they accurately recorded?	
6.	If medications are given, are they recorded? Blood collection?	
7.	If surgery is performed, are the surgical/anesthesia logs up to date?	
Surgery		
1.	Where is the surgery performed? Is it a dedicated area that is clean and uncluttered?	
2.	Are aseptic techniques employed? Are instruments and implanted devices sterilized?	
3.	How are animals prepped for surgery?	
4.	How are the animals anesthetized pre-operatively and intra-operatively? What drugs/doses are used?	
5.	How are animals monitored during surgery? Is it documented?	
6.	If inhalant anesthetics are used, are they scavenged properly? Is the scavenger working properly?	

7.	Are surgical techniques performed correctly?		
8.	Who performs the surgery?		
9.	Is a heat source used during surgery and recovery?		
10.	How are incisions closed and are they closed appropriately?		
11.	How and where are the animals recovered? Are they monitored? When are they returned to their cage?		
12.	Are animals monitored days after surgery and given the appropriate analgesics/antibiotics?		
13.	Are surgical sutures/staples removed at the appropriate time post-surgery?		
Euthanasia			
1.	How are animals euthanized? Is the technique performed correctly?		
2.	How is death confirmed?		
Other			
1.	Are any special techniques or procedures performed (blood collection, biopsies, etc.) and are they performed correctly?		

