



**Policy Statement #17–06 Post Approval Monitoring
Faculty of Science, Mahidol University–Institutional
Animal Care and Use Committee (MUSC–IACUC)**

Post Approval Monitoring (PAM) is a principal method by which MUSC–IACUC assures that investigators and those involved in conducting and supporting animal research do not deviate from the written document and that other relevant documents are maintained in a compliant fashion (i.e., surgery records, animal orders, number of animals used, drugs used, etc.). The goal of PAM is to encourage continual communications among the IACUC, investigators and research staff to ensure that the animal use is consistent with the approved protocol. PAM should proceed according to the following guidelines:

1. All active protocols are reviewed annually. All protocols would be actively monitored for compliance. Protocols which contain the following procedures will have higher priority for review:
 - a. Involve surgical procedures;
 - b. Are classified as Pain Category E;
 - c. Involve PIs or groups that have had past compliance issues;
 - d. Involve protocols that the IACUC or the Attending Veterinarian designates for review.
2. The method of PAM include :
 - a. Inspection of surgical procedures and post-anesthesia care to make sure that they are conducted in line with the approved protocol to avoid causing pain or stress.
 - b. Training records, protocol and other required documents are reviewed.
3. The results are submitted to IACUC committee at monthly meeting. The IACUC decides whether the animal use protocol meets expected standards. The decision is recorded in the IACUC minutes and communicated to PI. Final report of PAM will be sent to PI and IACUC will continue the monitoring.