

Animal Records

Principal Investigators (PI's) are expected to maintain two (2) types of animal records:

1. Animal health/treatment records
2. Surgical records

Animal health/treatment records

These consist of group clinical records for rodents, and individual clinical records for USDA regulated species.

These clinical records should include:

- The date
- Principal Investigator IACUC approved protocol number
- The species
- The identifier of each animal (or group in the case of rodents)
- Any observations
- Procedures or treatments performed on the animals related to their overall health, abnormal observations, and followed to resolution

Survival surgical records

These must be maintained for all USDA regulated species.

Group surgical records must be maintained for non-USDA regulated species (i.e., frogs, rodents, etc.).

Records should include survival and non-survival surgery:

- The date
- Principal Investigator
- IACUC approved protocol number
- The species
- Proper identifier of each animal or group of non-USDA regulated animals
- The surgical procedure
- Anesthetic (including dose and route of administration)
- Number of USDA regulated animals operated
- The surgeon(s)
The results of the surgery, including complications
The postsurgical care including analgesia (including dose, frequency and route of administration)
Daily post-operative observation until sutures are removed, and the animal(s) is/are fully recovered