

Policies and Procedures

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POLICY: Use of Secondary Containers	REV. D:	REV. E:	PAGE 1 OF 1	

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the labeling of secondary containers (non-primary containers). This procedure is approved by the Creighton University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). All investigators will follow this policy unless scientific justification is provided and approved by the IACUC.

Applicability

This policy applies to secondary storage containers in all animal use areas, including satellite procedure locations. This includes secondary storage containers used for all drugs, compounds, and chemicals. IACUC will inspect these areas at least every six months as required by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).

While monthly inventory of laboratory supplies is ideal, quarterly inventory is strongly recommended.

Labeling Requirements

To meet OSHA requirements as enforced by AAALAC, all secondary containers containing drugs, compounds, or chemicals used in animal procedure or housing areas must be clearly and completely labeled with the following information:

- Name of the substance(s) exactly as written on primary container
- Concentration of the primary substance(s)
- Date of expiration (date made alone is not acceptable)
- Date Mixed
- Label the container “*in vitro*” or “*in vivo*”, the latter includes all oral, injectable, inhalant, or topical drugs and compounds used with live animals

Controlled Substances

In the case of drug cocktails containing a controlled substance, the secondary container must also be stored under DEA approved conditions.