

**SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE
OPERATING POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

DEPARTMENT: Institutional Animal Care and Use
Committee

POLICY NUMBER: IACUC-032

REPLACES:

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SUMMARY:

The purpose of this policy is to establish, and communicate, acceptable methods of identification of animals housed at Seattle Children's Research Institute.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

032-1 Identification and Records

032-1.1 All animals housed at Seattle Children's will be identified by a cage identification card containing, at a minimum, the following information:

032-1.1.1 Investigator name;

032-1.1.2 Source;

032-1.1.3 Species, and strain or stock.;

032-1.1.4 Protocol number, and;

032-1.1.5 Pertinent dates (birth, arrival).

032-1.2 All methods of individual identification of animals housed at Seattle Children's shall be reviewed and approved by the IACUC.

032-1.3 Acceptable means of identification of rodents include:

032-1.3.1 Tattoo;

032-1.3.2 Ear tag, and;

032-1.3.3 Ear notch.

032-1.3.4 Toe clipping is generally not an acceptable method of identification. Requests for this method must be accompanied by sufficient scientific evidence to determine that other methods of identification are not feasible for the study and should only be performed on young neonates.

032-2 Genetics and Nomenclature

032-2.1 Standardized nomenclature shall be used to ensure proper reporting and identification of research animals with regard to both strain and sub-strain, or the genetic background of animals in a study.

REFERENCES:

National Research Council, "The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals". National Academy Press; Washington DC. 1996.

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