

### **Why is the Procedure Table in the IACUC protocol?**

It was included to make it easier for IACUC reviewers to see the big picture—what major procedures are being done in a protocol. It is not meant to be a step by step instruction on all procedures that occur in the protocol.

It was also included so RICRO may generate a report on “invasive” or “major” procedures as AAALAC labels them. This is different from MMSS, since that is for Multiple Major Survival Surgeries, and MMSS has its own question/section.

It shows what the animals go through as part of the study objective, not necessarily every procedure/step that occurs in order to get from start to end of study. Basically, KP allows the IACUC the flexibility to reduce duplication, and that may be different from how the information appeared in the old system (eProtocol).

#### **Here are some examples of what is NOT included in the procedure table:**

- Example 1: blood pressure monitoring during a surgical procedure.
- Example 2: catheterization as pre-op for surgery.
- Example 3: IV/IM drug injection as pre-op, part of general anesthesia induction. To contrast, if IV/IM drug injection is in the procedure table, that means drug administration is part of the study objective.

**To be clear:** all activities are described in the protocol but may not be in the procedure table. The additional activities such as pre-op catheterization, drug injections, blood pressure monitoring—those may also be other sections of the protocol, e.g. project description, surgery, monitoring, etc.