

## **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 but rather the overall sequential description of the procedures the animals will undergo during study, from day 0 to end of study.

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

### **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 Project Description, 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 stated in other sections of the protocol, e.g. project description, surgery, monitoring, etc.