

Minimum Requirements for Cage Cards

All cages at Frederick National Lab are required to have an identifying cage card. These guidelines ensure that animals used at Frederick National Lab are properly identified. While the Frederick National Lab Animal Care and Use Committee [ACUC] acknowledges that several types of cage cards are used, the Committee requires the following information be included on all cage cards irrespective of design:

- Animal Study Proposal [ASP] number and expiration date
- Principal Investigator's [PI] name
- Date of Birth [DOB] of animal(s)
- Sex
- Strain
- Number of animals in the cage
- Contact person (specific contact information can be posted inside the room, e.g., on the door)

The following are required, where applicable:

- Important date(s) (i.e. tumor inoculation, treatment start date, surgery, analgesia) (on front or back of card)
- A basic description of procedure(s) (i.e. drug i.p. x 3 days, Ovariectomy, Tylenol in water x 3 days) (on front or back of card)
- Identification of potential IBC-defined human health hazards associated with the caged animals (mark cages or the room with labels designated by the Safety Office, e.g., radiation, biohazard, carcinogen).

When possible, cage cards should be typed, not hand written. If an exemption to the above requirements is needed, written justification must be submitted to the ACUC for approval.

Please contact the ACUC Coordinator [301-846-7544 or stahlam@mail.nih.gov] if there are any questions.