



TITLE: Attending Surgical Veterinarian

PURPOSE: To identify persons authorized to serve as the Attending Surgical Veterinarian.

REVIEW/REVISION: Permanent amendment/revisions to this SSP must be presented to the IACUC for review before implementation and should be developed by UAC, the Surgical Attending Veterinarian and PI together.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2005 **Revised/Re-Approved:** 11/2/06, November 1, 2007

POLICY:

During the Pre-Surgery Conference (NHP-SSP #700-11-06), an individual will be identified as the Attending Surgical Veterinarian for the scheduled surgical event. This individual may be one of the following: Any UAC Staff Veterinarian or Dr. Victoria Lukasik.

The individual identified as the Attending Surgical Veterinarian will be responsible to follow the directives of the NHP-SSPs.

Frequency of Procedure:

As needed.

Documentation of Procedure:

Surgical Record
NHP Pre-Surgery Conference Check List

Procedures:

Additional individuals may be identified as an appropriate Attending Surgical Veterinarian following the recommendation of a UAC Veterinarian who has observed at least one surgical event in which the individual served in the capacity of Attending Surgical Veterinarian. The recommendation must be reviewed and authorized by the IACUC.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) determined that comprehensive individual Non-Human Primate Standard Surgical Practices (NHP-SSP) should be written for: Surgical Prep - This includes not only the actual pre-operative preparation of the animal, but also required prep for participants; Anesthesia Induction - Standard induction procedures should be described; Post-Operative Recovery - this should specify criteria for extubation as well as post-operative monitoring, placement of the animal, and provision for emergency care.

Authority line - During pre-op procedures and immediate post-operatively, until animal is able to sit upright, the Surgical Attending Veterinarian will be present and have decision making authority. The Surgical Attending Veterinarian may not be physically present in the room during surgery, but is on call. During surgery, the Surgeon is responsible for procedures going on in the surgical theater. Specific allocation of duties for each NHP-SSP will be determined at the pre-surgery conference and will be designated to the Surgical Attending Veterinarian, PI, BSS Clinical Staff, or Research staff.