New Program for Controlled Substances in Research

On July 1, 2013 UAB investigators will no longer obtain DEA Controlled Substances such as ketamine, pentobarbital, and buprenorphine from the Animal Resources Program (ARP) for their research projects. Through special permission with the DEA, Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) has established a Controlled Substances Program. DEA registration numbers have been established in the name of the UAB Departments. Researchers will now process orders for their controlled substances through Oracle using the designation Controlled Substances for OH&S to order. There will be no individual research registrations for investigators per our agreement with the DEA; however this will not affect any clinical registrations for physicians, dentists, or optometrists that are already established through the hospitals and clinics.

OH&S is transferring, by department, those investigators that currently receive these drugs from ARP to the new system to minimize any interruption in service. This will not affect researchers that are using only non DEA regulated drugs such as isofluorane, medetomidine (Domitor). You will still obtain those drugs in the same manner as before. The DEA regulated drugs have a large C with roman numerals II through V on the label of the bottle or box. These drugs are typically used for anesthesia, analgesia, or euthanasia.

Visit the new OH&S website at http://www.uab.edu/ohs/ and select Controlled Substances under the programs menu for information on obtaining a Controlled Substance Use Authorization (CSUA) number.