
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

TITLE: Moving Non-Human Primates to and from Holding Rooms , Surgical Suites and Procedure Rooms, Non-Human Primate Module, West Valley Building, University of Western Ontario

SOP NO.: WV 609-01

REVISION: 01

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SUPERSEDES:

APPROVALS

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This SOP describes the process to move NHPs from the West Valley holding rooms to the West Valley surgical suites and procedure rooms.

2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 Any NHP housed in the West Valley Building may only be moved to a surgical suite or procedure room according to this SOP.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 All scientists and research staff performing procedures or surgery on NHP West Valley Building are required to be familiar with and follow the procedures described in this SOP.

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4.1 NHP Transfer from Holding Rooms to Surgery or Procedure Rooms

- 4.1.1 The NHP must be anesthetized prior to moving
 - 4.1.1.1 Ensure the NHP is completely anesthetized before handling
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- 4.1.2 Roll clean transport cart into the holding unit close to the holding cage
- 4.1.3 Prepare the cart in advance by placing a lean blanket on the surface to wrap the NHP
- 4.1.4 Carefully transfer the anesthetized NHP to the cart
- 4.1.5 Roll the cart out of the unit to the destination room
- 4.1.6** Research staff in the destination room must be prepared in advance to receive the NHP
- 4.2 **NHP Transfer from Surgery and Procedure Rooms to Holding Rooms**
 - 4.2.1 Once the NHP is sufficiently recovered for safe transport research staff shall place the NHP on a blanket covered transport cart and move the NHP to the holding room
 - 4.2.2 Two research staff shall transport the NHP to the holding room
 - 4.2.3 The NHP shall be place in the cage and observed until recovered to the point of consciousness.
- 5.0 **HEALTH & SAFETY**
 - 5.1 Risks of working with NHPs, their body fluids, and tissues.
 - 5.1.1 All macaques, and their body fluids and tissues, should be considered carriers of B-Virus which in the event of an exposure can cause fatal disease in humans
 - 5.1.2 Working with NHPs (and their body fluids and tissues) of any species has inherent risks of zoonotic diseases as well as risks from the animals themselves, and from equipment, materials and agents used in NHP husbandry.
 - 5.1.3 All personnel working with NHPs (including body fluids and tissues) and their supervisors, must be familiar with the ACVS document Research Using Non-Human Primates – Safety Concerns for Personnel (Appendix 1)
 - 5.2 Reducing the Risks Associated with Primates
 - 5.2.1 All personnel working with NHPs, or their body fluids or tissues, must be familiar with and agree to follow the applicable SOPs

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- 5.2.2 All personnel working with NHPs, or their body fluids or tissues, or treating exposed personnel, must be familiar with the Staff Health Policy: Advice to Employees Working with Non-Human Primates and Physicians Treating Human Exposures (Appendix 2 on blue paper)
- 5.2.3 Personnel may not work with NHPs, and their body fluids and tissues, until all training has been completed
- 5.2.4 SHARPS i.e. needles, syringes, broken glass, etc. shall be disposed of in the appropriate labeled container. Needles must never be recapped while holding the needle cover.
- 5.2.5 All personnel working with NHPs, and their body fluids and tissues, must be familiar and comfortable with the use of Personal Protective Equipment
 - 5.2.5.1 All personnel must undergo NIOSH mask fit-testing

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6.0 REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Reason(s) for Revision	Initiated by

7.0 REFERENCES / ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

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8.0 ATTACHMENTS

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