IACUC Expectations for the Cleaning/Disinfection of Behavioral Equipment

Purpose of the Document: To outline the expectations for the cleaning of behavior equipment, including (but not limited to) restraint devices, behavioral testing apparatus, chairs for animal restraint, etc.

- Handle used equipment soiled with blood, body fluids, secretions, and excretions in a manner that prevents skin and mucous membrane exposures, contamination of clothing, and transfer of microorganisms to other animals and environments.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are likely to be contaminated with pathogens, including those that are in close proximity to the animal (e.g. behavioral testing apparatus, anesthetic chambers, animal restrainers, transport boxes, imaging, countertops and work surfaces) not less than each day following use.
- All equipment and work surfaces must also be disinfected between procedures performed on animals from different cohorts (e.g., animals from different cages, from different rooms, from different rack sides, or animals of different health status).