

## IACUC's Emergency Response Procedures for Animal Researchers and Students

### Minor Injuries

Minor injuries requiring medical attention may be treated at the University Health Center, Rhoades Hall.

**The student health center is an ambulatory health care facility and is equipped to treat some *minor* urgent care issues.**

We are NOT an emergency room but we CAN assist students in obtaining emergency services. PLEASE CALL 724-738-2052 to speak to a nurse. If you are uncertain as to whether or not an ambulance is necessary, a nurse is available for phone consultation 24/7 during the academic year.

### Medical Emergencies

In case of **personal emergency**, follow the University's Personal Emergency Guidebook. For medical emergencies:

- **Immediately** contact University Police at **724-738-3333**
- **Do Not** move the victim unless in a life threatening situation
- **Do not** exceed your training
- Give your name, describe the nature and severity of the medical problem and the campus location
- Stay on the line to continue to provide information regarding the victim. Don't hang up until told to. Follow the instructions provided to you by the professional on the phone.
- Good Samaritan laws allow bystanders to provide emergency first aid to another.
- No individual is compelled to provide emergency first aid to another.
- Wait with victim until help arrives.
- If you do provide medical assistance, use universal precautions (gloves, eyeglasses, mouth guards, etc.) to protect yourself from contracting a blood-borne pathogen or other human or animal transmitted disease
- Keep the victim still and comfortable. **DO NOT MOVE THE VICTIM.**
- Check breathing and give CPR if necessary (and you are trained in performing CPR).
- Control serious bleeding by applying direct pressure to the wound.
- Look for emergency medical I.D. (bracelets, tags, necklaces), question any witness(es) and give all information to a medical response team.