

### **What do per diem rates cover?**

The LARC operates on a cost recovery basis. The following provides examples of items covered by per diems as part of standard animal care, but are subject to change.

1. Standard LARC diet
2. Corn cob bedding
3. Necessary chemicals for cage and facility sanitization
4. Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) for LARC-managed animal facilities
5. Animal enrichment material such as Nestlets and Enviro-dri
6. Equipment replacement due to normal wear and tear
7. Operation and maintenance of equipment and vehicles
8. Service contracts for equipment maintenance, repair and calibration
9. Consultation and health examinations by veterinary staff
10. Colony health surveillance
11. Environmental monitoring
12. Routine prophylactic health care that is non-research related
13. Routine cage changes:
  - a. Ventilated mouse cages changed once every other week, rat cages changed once a week.
  - b. Static rodent cages changed once or twice a week
14. Animal holding room and facility maintenance

### **What do per diem rates NOT cover?**

The following are examples of items NOT covered by per diem costs. Such activities are charged directly to individual investigators beyond per diem charges:

1. Deviation from standard care (housing, feed, bedding, etc.)
2. Treatment resulting from experimental manipulations, i.e. for research-related reasons.
3. Technical and administrative services and assistance (beyond standard animal care) in support of research protocols.
4. Additional (beyond standard) tests for quarantined animals.

## **Additional Services Available Upon Request**

1. Surgical Services
  - a. Major & Minor Procedures
    - i. Cannulation
    - ii. Implantation
  - b. LARC Equipment Training
2. Animal Data Collection Services
  - a. Measurements
  - b. Additional observations
  - c. Sample collection
3. Special Husbandry Requirements
4. Administration of Medication or Special Treatments
5. Necropsy

Please note that this list is not intended to be all-inclusive. The LARC will be happy to discuss your specific research needs in an effort to accommodate other special services that you may require.