Risk Assessment Questionnaire for Employees with Animal Contact

Summary: Use this questionnaire to assess your occupational health risks if you work with or near research animals.

Employees working with or in close proximity to research animals are required to complete this self-assessment questionnaire. Your answers are confidential and need not be revealed to anyone except a healthcare provider.

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, initiate medical surveillance by contacting:

* UCSD Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM)
  (619) 471-9210
  330 Lewis Street, suite 100
  San Diego, CA 92103

COEM is the only approved provider for medical surveillance.

Cost of medical surveillance: Principal investigators are responsible for the cost of job-related medical exams and health monitoring. Surveillance is not covered under University-provided medical insurance or Workers' Compensation.

1) Is animal husbandry (i.e., providing food and water, cleaning cages, grooming animals, etc.) an essential part of your duties? If yes, you're required to participate in medical surveillance.

2) Do you work with or in proximity to non-human primates or their blood, fluids, or tissues? If yes, you're required to participate in medical surveillance.

3) Do you work with or in proximity to pregnant mammals (rodents excluded)? If yes, you're required to participate in medical surveillance.

4) Do you work with or in proximity to wild-caught mammals or wild-caught birds? If yes, you're required to participate in medical surveillance.

5) Do you work with or in proximity to venomous animals? If yes, you're required to participate in medical surveillance.

6) Does your work require you to use infectious agents in animals? If yes, you may be required to be vaccinated or to participate in medical consultation. Consult your principal investigator or the biosafety officer for requirements that apply to your work.

7) Do you have one of the following medical conditions?
   * Known or suspected allergies to animals
   * Chronic health problems such as diabetes
   * Serious renal or liver disease
   * Valvular heart disease
   * Immune system deficiencies or other limitations to your ability to fight off disease
   * Current therapy with high-dose steroids, radiation therapy, or cancer therapy
   * History of problems with your spleen or absence of your spleen
   * Pregnant or planning to get pregnant

If yes, you're strongly encouraged to participate in medical consultation. Your health condition could increase your risk of illness or increase the severity of an illness associated with your animal contact.

If you are a UCSD employee with questions, contact EH&S Biosafety, (858)534-6715.