

TO: Investigators Using Mice

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RE: Mouse Per Diem Choices

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Effective July 1, 2009, you will have two mouse per diems to choose from.

(1) BASIC Mouse isolation (previously known as Standard Isolation or Autoclave & Bag) cost center will cost **\$0.426** per cage per day which is less than our **MIT Mouse** (MicroIsolator Technology) cost center. BASIC Mouse isolation requires less labor because we do not change the soiled cages in a biosafety cabinet in the room and because we autoclave all of the cage materials in a stacked fashion. BASIC Isolation mice may be housed in rooms in the School of Medicine & Dentistry, two way CVRI and Annex.

(2) MIT Mouse isolation provides the strictest barrier for maintaining immunodeficient, irreplaceable genetically altered and foundation colonies of mice. All mice housed in the KMRB Vivarium (which is a ONE WAY facility), CVRI ONE WAY Vivarium, the Annex Foundation Colonies and select rooms in the School of Medicine & Dentistry will continue to be housed using MicroIsolator Technology (MIT Mouse) at a cage charge of **\$0.447** per day.

If you would like to change from **MIT Mouse** Cost Center to **BASIC Mouse** Cost Center because you do not need the strictest barrier, do not want to handle your mice in a biosafety cabinet or want to save on per diem costs, please submit an Animal Move Form available at <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/vivarium/includes/documents/animalmoveformrevised.pdf>) or in the Animal Resource Office (G6726). Leave the new room number blank and we will contact you with your options and timeline given the transition associated with space reallocation .

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