



## NIH Launches Website “Medical Research with Animals”

The NIH has launched a new Web site, Medical Research with Animals: For Researchers and Institutions to support NIH-funded scientists using animal models.

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/air/researchers\\_institutions.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/air/researchers_institutions.htm)

Vaccines, medicines, therapies, surgical interventions, and preventive health care are all essential to maintaining high standards of health worldwide. Medical research that uses animals makes a tremendous contribution to the development of new and life-saving interventions, as well as to our overall understanding of human and animal physiology. Like all NIH-funded research, medical research involving animals must go through a strict peer review and approval process based on federal regulations to ensure the protection of animal welfare.

The new Web site provides guidance for preparedness and crisis management by researchers and institutions for threats against researchers working in animal research, and information on how NIH can help. It also provides quick access to funding opportunities focused on animals in research, resources to assist with grant writing, and training and education for animal care and use, models, and science and ethics. A sister site designed for the general public is set to be launched in the near future.