

Procurement and Management

Pricing Information

Current pricing for Comparative Medicine charges can be found on the [Comparative Medicine Pricing page](#).

Ordering Animals

Comparative Medicine uses a Web-interfaced system, the Comparative Medicine Business Management System (CMMS), for animal orders. CMMS integrates the IACUC and the Sponsored Programs Administration (SPAdmin) databases to enhance campus regulatory compliance while providing detailed investigator billing/invoicing documentation, online animal ordering, barcode census, and detailed "real-time" animal care financial data. Animal orders are placed in the CMMS through the [Research Support System](#).

Use your UNMC NetID and password to log in. Select "links" from the menu bar, hover the cursor over "Comparative Medicine" and click on "Order Animals". Choose the protocol number and select "animal order".

The following information is required when placing an animal order:

- UNMC IACUC Approved Protocol Number
- Species
- Strain
- Sex of Animals
- Weight and Age
- Quantity
- PI (as listed on the protocol)
- Cost Center Number (used for billing purposes)
- Preferred Vendor
- Name of the person who is placing the order and contact information
- Any special requirements, such as specific pathogen free (SPF) status
- Date animals are required for research

Animal Transfer

Moving between IACUC Protocols

Animals may be transferred from one IACUC protocol to another and from one investigator to another with certain restrictions. Animals may also be transferred between institutions with proper pre-authorization. Find additional details on the [CM website](#).

Quarantine Policy

All newly received animals at UNMC should be given a period for physiological, psychological, and nutritional stabilization before use. This allows the animal to recover from shipping stress, adapt to its new surroundings, and become physiologically stable. Adequate acclimation times may vary depending on the animal species, source, type and duration of transportation, and the intended use of the animals. See [recommended quarantine periods](#).

Procurement from Non-Approved Vendors

IACUC approval can be granted to procure animals from non-approved sources or vendors such as other universities. Requests to order or receive animals from a non-approved source are coordinated through Comparative Medicine using the on-line ordering system. Unauthorized shipments of animals are not allowed. Details can be found on the CM website page for the [procurement of animals from non-approved vendors](#).

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