**Advanced Laparoscopy Training for General Surgery Residents Using a Pig Model (Sus scrofa domestica)**

**ABSTRACT**

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**Resident surgical training; laparoscopy; pig**
DATE OF IACUC: JANUARY 2010
81st MEDICAL GROUP
KEESLER AFB, MISSISSIPPI

ANIMAL TRAINING / RESEARCH PROTOCOL
PROGRESS REPORT/FINAL REPORT

This is a Training Protocol Progress Report ____ / Final Report ___XX___

1. Protocol Number assigned by CRL: FKE20070006A

2. Protocol Title: "Advanced Laparoscopy Training for General Surgery Residents Using a Pig Model (Sus scrofa domestica)"

3. Principal Investigator (PI): Major Robert Cromer, USAF, MC, Staff General Surgeon, 81 MSGS/SGCQ, Phone: 228-376-5616 (Include your rank and name, office symbol, telephone number)

4. Purpose: This protocol is designed to be part of the surgical training of Air Force physicians during their General Surgical residency at Keesler Medical Center. It provides residents with the opportunity to practice laparoscopic operative techniques in order to increase technical proficiency before they work on a human patient. It augments the clinical and didactic training provided to them in the residency program while providing valuable, hands-on experience in laparoscopic surgery pertaining to the abdomen, and augments their military medical readiness skills.

5. Status of the Study: Mark the status of the study.

   a. _____ Active training protocol. Request approval to remain open.

   b. _____ Study has never been initiated but request approval to remain open.

   c. ___XX__ Completed all approved training/research. Request approval to close.

6. Summary of Progress: This report covers the following period of time: January 2007 – January 2010

   a. Since Last Progress Report or Initiation of Study: Three training labs were conducted during this three year approval period.

   b. For the Entire Study: One hundred percent of this training protocol has been completed and is being closed due to the triennial de novo review requirement.

   c. Number of personnel trained and number of animals used:

      (1) Personnel Trained: Twenty two

      (2) Animal Usage: Five

   d. I anticipate PCSing or separating on or about July 2010.

7. If this is a FINAL REPORT: Were the protocol objectives met and how did the training benefit the DoD/USAF?

   This training protocol has been utilized for a number of years at Keesler and is very beneficial to our residents. They are given the opportunity to practice a variety of laparoscopic techniques during training labs using animal models which betters their surgical skills before proceeding to human patients in the operating room. The protocol objectives are definitely met.
8. Protocol Changes:
   a. Protocol Procedural Changes:
      1. _XX_ No changes are anticipated and the protocol will continue as previously approved by the IACUC.
      2. _____ Changes anticipated are described as follows: (Description)
   b. Protocol Personnel Changes:
      1. Has there been any Principal or Co-Investigator (PI/CI) changes since IACUC approval of protocol or the last annual review? ____ Yes _XX_ No. If yes, complete the following sections (Additions/Deletions) and indicate whether or not the IACUC has approved this change.
         (a) Additions: (Include Name, Protocol function, IACUC approval - Yes/No)
         (b) Deletions: (Include Name, Protocol function, Effective date of deletion)
      2. Has there been any changes in animal care personnel since IACUC approval of protocol or the last annual review? ____ Yes _XX_ No. If yes, complete the following sections (Additions/Deletions) and indicate whether or not the IACUC has approved this change.
         (a) Additions: (Include Name, Protocol function, IACUC approval - Yes/No)
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9. Funding:
   a. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funding in the amount of $19,805.00 was approved in my original protocol for the three year duration of the study. I have utilized $4,950.00 of these funds.
   b. Request funding in the amount of $- 0 - _ for FY08 in addition to amount originally approved.
   c. I have received External Resources to support this study in the form of: (describe all those applicable: loaned equipment, consumable supplies, drugs from a non-DoD source, and/or funds from an external source, in this case give the name and amount) N/A

10. Certification of Principal Investigator:
My signature certifies that the above titled protocol has been/will be conducted in full compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and associated federal, state, and local regulations, and IACUC requirements/policies governing laboratory animal research/training. I understand that an annual progress report is required in order to maintain continuation approval and any changes in the study/methodology that will affect the animal care and/or use must be approved by the IACUC prior to implementation. If the study has never been initiated and I am requesting termination (Item 5.b. above), my signature certifies this request. If the study is completed (Item 5.c. above) and I am requesting closure, my signature certifies that the information provided on this form represents an accurate final report.

Signature Block of Principal Investigator
ROBERT CROMER, Major, USAF, MC
81 MSGS/SGCQ

Date

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