

## **Transfer Rodents Within UW**

- IF RODENTS WILL REMAIN IN THE SAME FACILITY: PI personnel may move them in their home cages. During transport, turn water bottles up (if present).
- IF RODENTS WILL BE MOVED TO ANOTHER UW FACILITY: On the day of the transfer, PI personnel:
  - Obtain sterile Transfer Cages and narrow plastic wrap from facility supervisor.
  - Re-house the rodents into sterile Transfer Cages in the changing station.
  - Add gel and rodent chow.
  - Move cage cards to the outside of the Transfer Cages so rodents can't reach them.
  - Secure cage lids to cage bottoms with narrow plastic wrap.
  - Place Transfer Cages on cart and cover with a drape before leaving facility.
- IF DCM TRANSPORT IS USED: PI personnel meet the driver at the prearranged date, times and locations to:
  - Hand the Transfer Cages to the driver.
  - Pick up the Transfer Cages, and transport them via draped cart into the new facility.
- In the changing station of the new housing room, PI personnel re-house rodents from the Transfer Cages into sterile cage set-ups provided by husbandry staff in accordance with the original Transfer Request.
- Supply cages with chow and new water bottles or Hydropac (if appropriate), and place on rack.
- Stack used Transport cages in the area dedicated for dirty caging.