

To obtain Buprenorphine SR or SR LAB -

Prescriptions can be obtained by contacting Stacie Havens at shavens@vcu.edu. In your prescription request, be sure to include the following information: Researcher Name; Researcher Delivery Address, Approved IACUC Protocol Number; Amount Needed; and Species.

The following will then occur:

- 1) VCU veterinarian provides ZooPharm with his/her DEA registration information.
- 2) VCU veterinarian writes a prescription for Buprenorphine SR or SR LAB to a specific researcher for a specific species or herd (mice, rats, rabbits, etc.). The prescription must align with the researcher's approved animal protocol.
- 3) VCU veterinarian submits the prescription to ZooPharm and notifies researcher of submission.
- 4) Two hours (or later) after submission of the prescription, researcher contacts ZooPharm at [866-823-9314](tel:866-823-9314) to provide payment details (credit card or prepaid check required).
- 5) ZooPharm fills and ships the prescription directly to the researcher.
- 6) Researcher uses the drug as prescribed and as described in his/her animal protocol. Usage must be tracked on a usage log. However, the prescription drug is NOT included in your DEA Controlled Substances Inventory. When a new prescription is required, the researcher must submit the previous usage log to the VCU veterinarian.
- 7) Researcher must store the drug in a separate locked cabinet, apart from any DEA controlled substances he/she may have.

It is likely that at some point in the future, Buprenorphine SR and SR LAB will become an approved controlled substance. At that point, the process for obtaining, using, and tracking Buprenorphine SR and SR LAB will be no different from any other Schedule II-V controlled substance. . Until then, the above described procedure will remain in effect.