

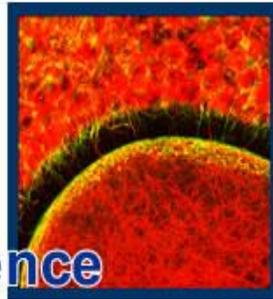
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It's Spring here in California and the hot days of summer aren't far away!

Dr. Greg Timmel has joined our senior leadership. He and Dr. Jeff Roberts (emeritus) serve as PAL clinical directors and are available to consult on case and colony management issues. Greg is the CNPRC Associate Director for Primate Services and has over 25 years experience in various lab animal medicine positions. His interests include nonhuman primate medicine, behavioral biology and physiology, management of nonhuman primate breeding colonies and management of animal use and care programs. Dr. Koen Van Rompay continues as the lab's Scientific Director.

PAL is now onboarding reagents to add *Trypanosoma cruzi* (*T. Cruzi*) to our antibody screening panels. *T. Cruzi* is the causative agent of Chagas Disease in humans and has been associated with cardiac abnormalities in nonhuman primates. This naturally occurring pathogen is transmitted by triatomine bugs. The host range for the vector is from latitude 42°N to 46°S throughout the New World. *T. Cruzi* infection is an increasing potential threat to the health of individual and colony animals as well as a confounding variable in the biomedical research model. The CNPRC is beginning surveillance of our outdoor housed animals. Confirmatory assays and PCR are still being evaluated with the help of PDWG colleagues. Please contact us if you are interested in more information.

Earlier this year our host institution, the University of California, Davis, converted to a new financial system. Thank you for your patience with delays in invoices during this transition. We should be back on schedule now. Please let us know if there are still any problems. This platform conversion has delayed UCD's annual review of PAL rates. The 2023 prices as published on our website will be in effect at least until July 2024.