

## NEWS

### New SOPs Added to Our Growing Library

A big thank you to our members who contributed the following SOPs:

Preparation, Use and Disposal of Disinfectants      Environmental Monitoring  
Preventive Maintenance, Calibration and Re-Validation of Equipment      Deviation Report  
Standard Operating Procedure Format  
Personnel Monitoring

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**Have you contributed  
facility SOPs  
to AABM?**

Please email them to  
[aabm@aabmonline.org](mailto:aabm@aabmonline.org)

### Featured Facility

#### **UAB** VECTOR PRODUCTION FACILITY

The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Birmingham, AL

The overall goal of the UAB Vector Production Facility (VPF) is to accelerate the translation of novel viral-based therapies into Phase I human clinical trials by manufacturing biologics in accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practices. The UAB VPF occupies a free-standing, one story building and is recently renovated with vinyl-covered continuous flooring, stainless steel benches, HEPA filtration and Class 10,000 single pass air. The Production Suite includes a gowning area, cell culture room, virus culture room and filling room. The Quality Control Laboratory includes suites for virus titering, sterility testing, and molecular biology assays, while a Research and Development Lab provides space for optimization of protocols. A wireless monitoring system provides 24/7 monitoring of the facility environment and all critical equipment. The UAB VPF has focused primarily on the production of clinical grade herpes simplex virus vectors and adenoviral vectors, two promising platforms for cancer therapy, with additional experience in producing working cell banks and recombinant proteins.



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### Upcoming Event

15<sup>th</sup> Annual ASGCT meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

May 16-19 2012

[See us at Booth 406!](#)

### A Warm Welcome to our New Members

**Vecura Karolinska GMP Facility,**  
Sweden  
Director: Pontus Blomberg

**Gene Transfer Vector Core,**  
University of Iowa  
Director: Beverly L. Davidson

**Gene and Cell Therapy Lab,**  
University of Washington  
Director: Roger Bumgarner

**AIBN Biologics Facility,**  
University of Queensland  
Australia  
Director: David Chin

**Molecular and Cell Therapy,**  
University of Minnesota  
Director: Diane Kadidlo