

## Use of Core Equipment.

The LRI has made extensive investment in the equipment used by the core services, in the personnel that runs the instruments, and in maintaining that personnel,s training and expertise.

Recently, several pieces of equipment have suffered particularly serious abuse, and have cost thousands of dollars to repair or replace.

To ensure that equipment is available for the use of the core and for the benefit of all of LRI, and to minimize equipment failure, core equipment will be operated only by core personnel, or under the direct supervision of core personnel. Equipment will be locked and unavailable for use if core personnel are not present. Very rarely, exceptions will be made for extraordinary situations, but only after extensive training, **and** after core personnel are completely satisfied that equipment will be used responsibly and carefully.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important policy.

This policy does not apply to equipment that is designated for common use by all LRI, such as the irradiators, phosphorimagers, or real-time PCR instruments. A list of this equipment is available on the Cores web site.