



Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Office of Research Compliance (ORC)

Authority of the Attending Veterinarian

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Policy Statement

This policy identifies the Attending Veterinarian (AV) as responsible for providing adequate veterinary care to the animals covered under IUB's Animal Care and Use Program.

Reason for Policy

Per the most recent edition of the **Guide**:

The Attending Veterinarian (AV) is responsible for the health and well-being of all laboratory animals used at the institution. The institution must provide the AV with sufficient authority, including access to all animals, and resources to manage the program of veterinary care. The AV should oversee other aspects of animal care and use (e.g. husbandry, housing) to ensure that the Program complies with the Guide.

Procedures

- A. The AV has the authority to:
 - 1. Ensure that provisions of adequate veterinary care are provided including:
 - a. The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.
 - b. The availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care by qualified individuals.
 - c. Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being by qualified individuals with adequate and timely access to the Attending Veterinarian to communicate information on problems related to animal health, behavior, and well-being.
 - d. Guidance to researchers and staff involved in the care and use of animals, regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization and euthanasia.
 - e. Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical procedures and veterinary nursing procedures.
 - 2. Oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use as determined by the IACUC and/or the Institutional Official.
- B. The AV is a voting member of the IACUC.
- C. In conjunction with the IACUC Administrator and Office of Research Compliance, the AV may assist with timely reporting to regulatory agencies.

Sanctions

Failure to comply with IACUC policies may result in noncompliance reports to the Institutional Official, the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and/or the suspension of animal use privileges. In addition, the availability of sponsored research funds may be affected when an Investigator is found to be in violation of these policies.

References

- 1. 9CFR2.33 (Animal Welfare Act and Regulations.)
- 2. *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (2015).
- 3. *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (8th edition, 2011 ILAR).

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