

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee		UNTHSC
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A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- a. In order for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to accomplish its responsibilities, training of the IACUC Members is essential.
- b. According to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, 8th Edition (Pg. 17) “It is the institution’s responsibility to ensure that IACUC members are provided with training opportunities to understand their work and role.”

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. It is the responsibility for the institution to provide suitable orientation, appropriate materials, adequate resources and training to enable IACUC members to carry out their responsibilities.
- b. It is the responsibility of the IACUC Administrator for providing orientation for new IACUC Members.
- c. It is the responsibility for IACUC Members to engage in training opportunities for IACUC member continuing education.

C. PROCEDURES

- a. **Orientation of New Members:**
 - i. New IACUC members are required to complete the CITI Program course, “Essentials for IACUC Members.”
 - ii. The IACUC Staff provide an orientation presentation that reviews the responsibilities of the IACUC Members.
 - iii. New members are also given an option to do a mock inspection of the vivarium as part of the orientation.
 - iv. The following publications will be provided to all members, electronically on the IACUC SharePoint site:
 - Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th Edition (National Research Council of the National Academies, 2011)
 - Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook (ARENA/OLAW 2002)
 - AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia (2013)
 - Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations (Animal care Blue Book 2013)
 - Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, 2015)

b. Continuing Education for Current Members

- i. Members are given opportunities to attend various conferences and trainings, such as IACUC 101, SCAW workshops and conference, PRIM&R IACUC Conference, or other relevant training.
- ii. Members are invited to various webinars provided by OLAW, PRIM&R, or from other relevant organizations.
- iii. Members are provided relevant articles from Lab Animal Science Magazines.
- iv. Members are continually trained during the monthly IACUC meeting, through various presentations by IACUC staff.

D. REFERENCES

- a. [The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals \(2011\), National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.](#)
- b. [Animal Welfare Act, Public Law 89-544 as amended; codified at 7 U.S.C. 2131-2159.](#)
- c. [PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NIH, Office of the Director, Revised 2015.](#)
- d. [ARENA/OLAW “Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook,” 2nd ed., 2002.](#)