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| 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*, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. They are given opportunities to meet with the IACUC Chair, Members, or staff to discuss the responsibilities of IACUC Members, and answer any questions they may have.
- iii. The following publications will be provided to all members, electronically on the IACUC SharePoint site:
  - Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8<sup>th</sup> 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, etc...
- ii. Members are invited to various webinars provided by OLAW, PRIM&R, etc...
- 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," 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2002.