

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. 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. All members have access to the following documents, in the Member’s Section of the IACUC Website:
 - 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 receive training during the monthly IACUC meeting, through various means, such as article discussion and presentations by IACUC staff.
- ii. Members are given opportunities to attend various conferences and trainings, such as IACUC 101, SCAW workshops and conference, PRIM&R IACUC Conference, etc...
- iii. Members are invited to various webinars provided by OLAW, PRIM&R, etc...
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D. REFERENCES

- a. [Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources \(2011\). Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. 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 Edn. C.4 \(Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Bethesda, MD, 2002\)](#)