

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Animal Activity Protocols & Grant Proposals

The University of Mississippi Medical Center's IACUC reviews all Animal Activity Protocols, regardless of funding source. Often, a previously approved protocol is incorporated into a new grant proposal submission, seeking extramural funding for the work. Infrequently, the grant submission may include animal components not specified in the IACUC-approved Animal Activity Protocol.

The Office of Research supplies the initial review of these grant proposal submissions. In the event the review notes discrepancies between the details of the Animal Activity Protocol and the grant proposal submission, the Office of Research issues a **Pending** letter to the granting agency. Reviews of grant proposal submissions incorporating the components of an approved Animal Activity Protocol are issued an **Approval** letter for the granting agency.

In the event a **Pending** letter is issued, it is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to rectify the discrepancy and ensure that the Animal Activity Protocol is amended to match the details of the grant proposal submission. Similarly, Pending letters are issued for "just-in-time" grant submissions. Likewise, the Principal Investigators must ensure that all necessary approvals are met prior to the granting agency deadline.

The IACUC Animal Activity Protocol and the grant proposal are separate entities. Researchers are not to incorporate components of a grant submission into their studies unless the animal protocol is approved by the IACUC.

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