

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**Regarding Use of Designated Member Review (DMR) for Animal Study Proposal Review Subsequent to Full Committee Review (FCR)**

When substantive information is lacking from a protocol, the committee may have questions requiring a response from the PI. For consistent application of the PHS Policy, the IACUC may take the following actions:

1. If **all** members of the IACUC **are** present, the committee may vote to allow the DMR process to review and approve the revised/amended protocol. Alternately, the committee may vote to have the revised document returned for FCR.
  
2. If **all** members of the IACUC **are not** present, DMR may only be used with the following stipulations:
  - a. All members must agree **in advance in writing** that the quorum of the IACUC present at a convened meeting may decide by unanimous vote to use DMR subsequent to FCR when modifications are required. *Any member may request (at any time) to see the revised protocol and/or request FCR.*
  - b. In order to conduct business via DMR subsequent to FCR, the institution should specify this intention in the OLAW Assurance.

Annually, at the convened meeting following the month after committee membership appointments for the fiscal year are made, this policy will be reviewed and acknowledged by the IACUC members.

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