

## **The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

##### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Composition & Activities**

Members of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs pursuant to appointment recommendations received from the Institutional Official.

Committee membership must include the following:

- Chair
- Veterinarian
- Practicing scientist
- Member whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area
- Non-affiliated, "public" member

The IACUC meets monthly to conduct business, principally to review and act on Animal Activity Protocol submissions. Additionally, the Committee is responsible for oversight and evaluation of the animal care and use program and its components described in the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. This oversight functionally occurs with each monthly meeting, but also occurs with semi-annual facility inspections and review of programs.

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