

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Presenting a Protocol Review to the Convened IACUC

- 1) Identify the PI and the title of the project. Highlight objective information found in questions 1-13. Standard or routine matters are to be assumed unless specified otherwise [e.g., no hazardous materials unless YES answered to #11]...*if standard, no need to mention.*

Oral comments on questions #1-13 are to give animal species/number information coupled with unique housing/husbandry. Augment this information where appropriate such that the convened IACUC understands animal husbandry matters related to the proposal.

- a. visiting scientist to conduct surgery
 - b. no peer review
 - c. breeding program involved
 - d. special feeding/watering
 - e. housing in lab for >12 hours
- 2) State the study objectives in lay terminology. Response should be clear, concise, and written in non-scientific language.
 - 3) Does the rationale in #15A and #15B. Support the animal request in #9?
 - 4) Briefly, present the study outline to the IACUC. In general, how are the scientific groups organized, what procedures are used, what is the time-line of events, etc? Specifically note which Appendices are required. Direct the Committee to unique experimental components or specific points in need of clarification.
 - 5) Are the numbers of animals justified (as requested in #9 and described in #16)? Note for the Committee if numbers are reasonable and supported.
 - 6) Are euthanasia methods consistent with the AVMA Panel? Is there a secondary method? If proposing decapitation or cervical dislocation without prior sedation/anesthesia, is there scientific justification?...*if standard, no need to mention.*
 - 7) Does the "Search" look for alternatives? Any evidence of refinement practices? Is the "Narrative" written to explain the results of the search?
 - 8) Are the appropriate appendices included? Highlight any unique components of appendices and specific problematic concerns.