

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

Chapter 7	Research and Sponsored Programs	Effective:	June 2000
Section 7.4	Institutional Program for the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals	Revised:	August 2009
Policy 7.4.3	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee	Responsibility:	Vice President for Research

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Responsibilities

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is a faculty oversight committee appointed by the President to ensure that all programs concerning the care and use of laboratory animals at the Health Science Center are in compliance with federal and University rules and regulations.

As stated in the charge to the IACUC, the IACUC is responsible for:

1. Assuring that the use of animals in research, teaching, and/or education is in accordance with institutional and federal guidelines.
2. Assisting the faculty whose research endeavors involve animals.
3. Reviewing the programs for the care and treatment of animals in all areas of the Health Science Center at least semiannually to assess compliance with institutional and federal standards.
4. Reviewing all protocols advocating the use of animals in research, teaching, or education as needed, but at least annually.
5. Reviewing and advising on the occupational health program and the training program as needed, but at least on a semi-annual basis.

Federal Regulations

Federal regulations concerning the use of animals in research and education require that approval to conduct such activities be given by the IACUC regardless of funding, before the work can commence. All protocols for the use of animals must be reviewed by the IACUC annually. For more information about the protocol review process, contact the Institutional Animal Care Program staff or reference the IACUC web site at <http://research.uthscsa.edu/iacuc/iacp.shtml>.
