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Policy Title: Veterinary Review of Protocols

Policy: All animal care and use protocols require veterinary review. The purpose of this policy is to outline the role of the Attending Veterinarian and/or his/her designee in the protocol review process. The IACUC staff sends all protocol materials to the AV or designate after determining that the protocol is ready for formal IACUC review. The AV may not formally review any protocol where s/he has a real or perceived conflict of interest, as determined by the Chair. Veterinary consultation between the PI and the veterinarian is required as per PHS policy in those instances where pain or distress is beyond the level anticipated in the protocol description or when interventional control is not possible (e.g. USDA Category E entries.) Veterinary consultation between the PI and the veterinarian is encouraged on other matters (e.g. handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization and euthanasia) while the protocol is being written and before formal submission to the IACUC staff.

The IACUC, in association with the AV, has/shares the responsibility for determining that personnel performing surgical procedures are appropriately qualified and trained in the procedure to be performed.