

Personnel

Item 3 – Training Requirements for Participants in Protocols Involving Instructional Programs

All individuals who participate in an instructional program involving animals **must** receive a one-page handout before participating in the program. All individuals **must** indicate receipt of the handout by signing a register.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Office will provide the handout and register to the instructor. It is the instructor's responsibility to distribute the handout, assure that everyone participating receives a copy and returns the register to the [IACUC Office](#) after each session is held.

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Use of Animals in Research and Education at SUNY Upstate Medical University

The use of animals at SUNY Upstate Medical University is permitted through a Public Health Service (PHS) Assurance, which is renewed every five years. The Assurance covers all vertebrate animals used in research, education and testing. The institution also adheres to the regulations of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) as set forth in the Animal Welfare Act as well as to those of New York State. The institution is accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). While the specifics of each differ slightly, the intent of all is to ensure the humane care and use of animals.

The protocol for the teaching session in which you are participating has been approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), which consists of veterinarians, basic and clinical scientists, and lay persons. Two of the most important concerns of this committee in reviewing protocols are: 1) that animals be treated humanely and, 2) that consideration has been given to alternatives to the use of animals or to experimental design such that stress to the animal is minimized and/or the number of animals used is minimized. Additionally, this committee is charged with ensuring that persons working with animals are adequately trained.

The person(s) in charge of your laboratory will be training you in proper techniques. If you would like additional information on the use of animals, please feel free to contact personnel in the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR), Room 4159, Weiskotten Hall. Also, we urge you to consult the many books and tapes available both in the DLAR and SUNY Upstate libraries. These can provide general information as well as information on specific species. Additional information is posted on the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources website (<http://www/upstate/dlar>).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the care and use of animals at SUNY Upstate, you may contact (anonymously, if so desired) the DLAR (464-6563).

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