

## Protocol Review & Facility Assessment

### Item 8 - Studies Performed at Another Facility (Collaborations)

When federal funding comes to SUNY Upstate to support animal studies, it is the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)'s responsibility to make sure those studies meet federal guidelines. The laws are very vague on the issue of who is responsible if the funding comes to one institution and the work is done at another. At the July 2000 meeting, it was decided that when oversight of the experiments themselves is clearly beyond our capabilities, the SUNY Upstate IACUC will rely on the remote IACUC to provide regulatory oversight.

This policy is applicable:

- When any or all of the animal research being funded through SUNY Upstate is conducted at another institution.
- Use of "Custom" Antibodies procured from a commercial source.

When either of these events occurs, an Interinstitutional Agreement between SUNY Upstate and the collaborating institution will be executed. This Interinstitutional Agreement provides assurance that the collaborative animal use has received Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) review.

The IACUC will accept approved protocols from other PHS and/or AAALAC accredited institutions. (Note: PHS-funded projects involving collaboration with another institution will only be approved if the contract facility has also negotiated an Assurance with OLAW.)

The collaborating institution must also provide:

- Documentation of continuing IACUC approval (and triennial renewal, if applicable) of the protocol.
- Notification of review and reporting of any incidents of non-compliance with PHS Policy, the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, or any suspension of this activity by the IACUC
- Notification of change in PHS Assurance status or AAALAC, International accreditation status.

All documentation will be kept on file in the IACUC office and notation will be made in the "Other Committee Actions" section of the minutes of the acceptance of the protocol.

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