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Final Version of the 8th Edition of the *Guide*: Now Available

The final version of the 8th Edition of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* is now available from the National Academy of Sciences. A PDF version of the *Guide* is available for free for download on the OLAW website at: <http://olaw.nih.gov>. To browse or purchase the *Guide*, see: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12910.

The *Guide* is organized around major components of animal use:

- **Key components of animal care and use.** The *Guide* sets the framework for the humane care and use of laboratory animals.
- **Animal care and use program.** The *Guide* discusses the concept of a broad Program of Animal Care and Use, including roles and responsibilities of the Institutional Official, Attending Veterinarian, and the IACUC.
- **Animal environment, husbandry, and management.** A chapter on this topic is now divided into sections on terrestrial and aquatic animals and provides recommendations for housing and environment, husbandry, behavioral and population management, and more.
- **Veterinary care.** The *Guide* discusses veterinary care and the responsibilities of the Attending Veterinarian. It includes recommendations on animal procurement and transportation, preventive medicine, and clinical care and management. The *Guide* addresses distress and pain recognition and relief, and issues surrounding euthanasia.
- **Physical plant.** The *Guide* discusses design and construction of facilities and considerations for drainage, vibration and noise control, and environmental monitoring.

The *Guide* provides a framework for the judgments required in the management of animal facilities.

Inside the IACUC: Types of Protocol Review

Part 1 of 3

Federal regulations allow for three types of review of animal protocols: Full Committee Review, Designated Member Review, and Administrative Review.

Full-Committee Review (FCR), as its name suggests, involves review of a protocol at a convened meeting with a quorum (majority of voting members) present. The Committee has the authority to approve, require modification(s) in (to secure approval), or withhold approval of an application. Any such decision is based on a majority vote of the members present.

Next month, we will discuss Designated Member Review. The August IACUC Update will discuss Administrative Review.



The Office of Research Support Will Be Moving June 28 & June 29

We are pleased to announce that the Office of Research Support (ORS) will be moving into new offices on June 28 and June 29. The new office is located in the Flawn Academic Center (FAC), Suite 426.

No protocol processing will occur during this time. For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

Our telephone and fax numbers as well as our mailing code, postal code, and website URL will remain unchanged.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **July 11, 2011**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **June 17, 2011**.

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