

University of Texas at Austin

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

IACUC Policy # 10.2

Title	Education and Training for IACUC Members		
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New Member Orientation

New IACUC member in-person orientation consists of the following: a description of the IACUC and responsibilities; U.S. Government Principles; criteria for membership; authority of the IACUC; protocol review process; using eProtocol IACUC; monitoring of approved protocols, periodic review; protocol modifications; records; semiannual reviews; roles and responsibilities; introduction to the AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals; federal regulations; and other important topics for IACUC members. Documentation of training is maintained through the use of IACUC member files and/or eProtocol IACUC.

The objectives of providing this information are the following:

- To introduce members to the role of the IACUC and its evolution;
- To provide the basic information necessary for IACUC members to discharge their responsibilities; and
- To provide a forum for response to, and discussion of, members' concerns and questions.

Effective November 4, 2019, in addition to the in-person orientation, all new IACUC members must complete one (1) course and related exam in the CITI Program within sixty (60) days of joining the Committee:

- Essentials for IACUC Members

Continuing Education

Continuing education for IACUC members usually occurs during IACUC meetings or through the form of webinars offered outside of the meetings. The objectives of providing ongoing training for IACUC members is to increase their knowledge, understanding, and awareness of current laws and regulations, new directives, best practice guidelines and institutional policies. It also provides a regular forum for the IACUC to discuss concerns or questions brought forth by the faculty, staff or members of the community. Information provided for these sessions will include questions and concerns brought to the attention of the IACUC, official directives, relevant publications, conference announcements, seminar proceedings, animal facility staff and/or veterinarian's observations/recommendations, issues involving facility inspections and program evaluations, and compliance issues.

Effective November 4, 2019, all IACUC members must complete one (1) course and related exam in the CITI Program at least once every three (3) years:

- Essentials for IACUC Members