

 <p>Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guiding Principles and Procedures</p>	<p>Effective: March 15, 2012</p> <p>Revised:</p>
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Guiding Principle

No IACUC Member may participate (other than to provide requested information) in the review of any protocol in which that member has a conflicting interest. This also applies to alternate members, non-voting members, ex-officio members, consultants or any other guest in attendance. The conflicted IACUC member must excuse (recuse) him/herself from deliberation, discussion, and vote related to such protocol.

Requirements

Animal Welfare Act in accordance with, (9 CFR Ch. 1), Part 2-Subpart C, 2.31 (d,2) and The Public Health Service (PHS) Policy IV.C.2. No member may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an activity in which that member has a conflicting interest (e.g., is personally involved in the activity), except to provide information requested by the IACUC, nor may a member who has a conflicting interest contribute to the constitution of a quorum;

Procedure

- 1.0** Conflicting interest includes, but is not limited to, the following circumstances where a member of the IACUC:
- 1.1** Is or will be an investigator, secondary investigator or other member of the research staff on the protocol;
 - 1.2** Has a financial or managerial interest in the sponsoring entity or product being evaluated in the research;
 - 1.3** Has a close family relationship with an individual who is one of the investigators or who has a significant financial or managerial interest in the sponsoring entity or product being evaluated in the research;
 - 1.4** Perceives him/herself to have a personal conflict with the project that could suggest potential bias.
 - 1.5** Is involved in a potentially competing research program, has access to funding or intellectual information that may provide an unfair competitive advantage, or feels that his/her personal biases may interfere with their impartial judgment.

- 2.0** If any investigator submitting a protocol believes that an IACUC member has a potential conflict, the investigator may request that the member be excluded from reviewing the protocol. The Chair or his designee will present the declared conflict and the Committee will determine whether a conflict exists.
- 3.0** Should an IACUC member declare involvement in any way in a research protocol under review by the IACUC, or state a conflict of interest related to the research protocol, then the member:
- 3.1** Is permitted to remain in the meeting room if requested by the IACUC to provide information;
 - 3.2** Must leave the meeting room during discussion, deliberation and voting; and
 - 3.3** Is not counted towards quorum.