

**HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**  
**Research Department Policy Manual**

**Name: Institutional Animal Care and Use  
Committee (IACUC) - Conflict of Interest**

**Policy# IACUC 109**

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**GENERAL**

**Purpose:** To ensure that the research at this institution is not prejudiced by personal financial gain, professional advancement, or the wish to do favors for family and friends. To ensure that research integrity is maintained at a high standard.

**Administration:** The Institutional Official for Research is responsible for the review and revision of this policy.

**Policy:** The IACUC Committee members review and approve all protocols where live animals are being used and will strictly follow the guidelines laid out by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC International), the policies according to the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, as well as Guidelines set forth by the Animal Welfare Act.

**PROCEDURE**

Members of the committee who are a Principal Investigator (PI) on a protocol using live animals or are listed as other personnel associated with a protocol using live animals are not permitted to review or vote as to the disposition of the protocol.

When such a protocol comes up for discussion, the IACUC member is excused from the meeting unless the remaining committee members agree to allow them to stay for the discussion part of the review.

Every HackensackUMC PI who would like to conduct research using live animals must fill out a protocol application, including the appropriate appendices. The protocol forms have check off boxes concerning conflict of interest, which must be answered prior to submission, in order for the protocol to be considered.

A Significant Financial Interest (SFI) exists for the PI if the remuneration value received from an entity, related to the protocol, in the 12 months preceding the disclosure and the value of any equity interest in the entity as of the date of disclosure, when aggregated, exceeds \$10,000.

In accordance with PHS financial conflict of interest regulations ([42 CFR 50 subpart F](#)), the investigator attests that neither they, nor their immediate family members have significant

financial conflict of interest (FCOI) with respect to the above protocol application. If the status of FCOI changes with respect to the protocol, the individual would notify the Chairman of the IACUC and follow HackensackUMC's Conflict of Interest in Research policy in terms of the reporting and resolution of FCOI in research.

**REFERENCES**

Conflict of Interest Financial

<http://humcnet/onlinedocs/adminpnp/541.doc>

Conflict of Interest Research

<http://humcnet/onlinedocs/adminpnp/541-2.doc>

<https://humc.complytrack.mediregs.com/welcome.ctx>