

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

**Name: Institutional Animal Care and Use  
Committee (IACUC) – Reviewing Concerns  
Involving the Care and Use of Animals at the  
Institution**

**Policy# IACUC 117**

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**GENERAL**

**Purpose:** To ensure humane treatment of live animals under the purview of HackensackUMC.

**Administration:** The IACUC is responsible for the review and revision of this policy.

**Policy:** The IACUC follows the following procedures for reviewing concerns involving the care and use of animals at HackensackUMC:

**PROCEDURE**

Concerns of animal care and use at the institution will be sent to the IACUC in writing as a memo.

The concerns will be discussed at the scheduled IACUC meeting, and in cases of urgent matters, an emergency meeting will be called via in person or conference calling.

Concerns will be addressed in accordance with The Animal Welfare Act, PHS Policy and the Guide for The Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Concerns by individuals who may anticipate reprisal can be sent anonymously to the IACUC.

The IACUC will list the concerns in the minutes, and include a recommended plan of action for the IACUC. A memo will then be sent to the Institutional Official containing the concerns and recommended plan of action. The Institutional Official will then contact OLAW if necessary.

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