APPOINTMENT OF IACUC

The Chief Executive Officer of the research facility must appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). [2.31]

Criteria

People appointed as IACUC members must have the experience and expertise needed to assess the research facility's: [2.31(a)]

- animal program
- facilities
- procedures

There should be some form of verification that the Chief Executive Officer has appointed the IACUC members, such as:

- written letters of appointment
- documentation in the IACUC minutes
- periodic letter/memo of reappointment

NOTE: Except as specifically authorized by law or the Animal Welfare Act regulations, the Animal Welfare Act and its regulations do **NOT** authorize a research facility's IACUC to dictate to a researcher how to conduct his/her research by: [2.31(a)]

- *prescribing methods* for the design or performance of research or experimentation
- *setting standards* for the design or performance of research or experimentation

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