

**SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
OPERATING POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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**TITLE:** Provisions For Veterinary Medical Care

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this policy is to specify the criteria for, and availability of, veterinary care to ensure compliance with federal and state laws regarding animal care and use programs.

**DEFINITION:**

As used in this policy, "Attending Veterinarian" (AV) shall mean any Doctor of Veterinary Medicine: 1) certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), or 2) having adequate training and experience in laboratory animal science and medicine, and in the care of the specific species referenced.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

- 017-1 The Office of Animal Care (OAC) shall establish a mechanism to provide adequate veterinary care by an AV. This mechanism may include an *Independent Contractor Agreement* with Seattle Children's Research Institute.
- 017-2 The AV shall have access to, and oversight of, all aspects of animal care and use.
- 017-3 The OAC shall make arrangements for back-up veterinary care, by a qualified veterinarian, in the event that the AV is unavailable.
- 017-4 The AV shall be responsible for oversight of the following:
- 017-4.1 Contribute to the establishment of appropriate policies and procedures for ancillary aspects of veterinary care;

- 017-4.2 Advise on experimental models;
  - 017-4.3 Review protocols and proposals with respect to veterinary care, animal husbandry, animal welfare, hazard containment, and zoonoses concerns;
  - 017-4.4 Supervise programs for animal nutrition, husbandry, and sanitation, and;
  - 017-4.5 Other assignments designed to maintain animal health and safety.
- 017-5 The AV shall be actively involved in:
- 017-5.1 The review of all protocols and projects involving animal use;
  - 017-5.2 Consultation, as needed, with the OAC to review and assess animal health issues;
  - 017-5.3 Semiannual Inspection of animal facility and program review, and;
  - 017-5.4 Review of institutional policies involving animals in research, testing, and teaching.
- 017-6 The AV shall provide guidance and oversight to investigators, and any other personnel involved in the care and use of animals, to ensure proper procedures are followed around:
- 017-6.1 Handling and restraint;
  - 017-6.2 Administration of anesthesia and analgesia;
  - 017-6.3 Approved methods of euthanasia, and;
  - 017-6.4 Surgery and post surgical care.
- 017-7 The AV shall be a full voting member of the IACUC.
- 017-8 The AV shall have the authority to, and responsibility for, making determinations concerning animal well being to assure it is adequately promoted, monitored, and maintained. The AV shall have the authority to remove any animal, displaying adverse affects beyond a level reviewed and approved by the IACUC, from a study;

017-9 Problems and/or concerns regarding animal health and welfare shall be communicated to the AV, through the OAC, for immediate action.

017-10 Contact information for the AV shall be posted by all phones in the animal facility.

Submitting Office: Office of Institutional Assurances

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