



SUBJECT: Medical Monitoring Program for Animal Users	Effective Date: 7/31/2020	Policy Number: 10.4.21
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	Responsible Authorities: Principal Investigator Vice President, Research Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Assistant Vice President for Research, Research Integrity Assistant Vice President for Research, Comparative Medicine	

- I. Background
In accordance with the [PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) and the [Animal Welfare Act](#) all personnel using animals in research, teaching, or testing as well as individuals having occupational exposure to animals are required to participate in an occupational health program.

- II. Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to Research Personnel regarding the Occupational Health Program at FAU for animal users.

- III. General Statement
FAU's IACUC is responsible for ensuring that all animal users working with or having occupational exposure to animals are in compliance with the federal regulations, including the Animal Welfare Act, the Public Health Service Policy (PHS) and are consistent with the *Guide* for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

- IV. Policy
FAU's Occupational Health Program for animal users is coordinated through Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) and it is entitled the Medical Monitoring Program for Animal Users. All animal users or individuals with occupational exposure to research animals are required to participate in this program. The program description and enrollment forms may be found at <http://www.fau.edu/ehs/safety/medicalmonitoringprogram/>

- V. Definitions

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1. **Research personnel** includes anybody who is working with animals and listed on the IACUC protocol. It includes but is not limited to the following individuals:
 - a. Scientists
 - b. Research technicians
 - c. Fellows, residents and post-docs
 - d. Students including undergraduate and graduate students
 - e. Visiting scholars
 - f. Volunteers
 - g. PIs and Co-PIs on IACUC protocols, even if those individuals will not have direct animal contact

VI. Accountability

The Principal Investigator (PI) will be responsible for:

- Assuring that all personnel using animals in research, teaching, or testing as well as individuals having occupational exposure to animals participate in FAU's occupational health program prior to commencing activities with animals.

The IACUC will be responsible for:

- Providing oversight for all animal care and use procedures conducted.
- Reviewing and approving, requiring modifications in (to secure approval) or withholding approval of IACUC protocols and/or amendments.
- Assuring that all personnel conducting work with animals are appropriately trained and have enrolled in FAU's Medical Monitoring Program for Animal Users.

The Research Integrity (RI) / IACUC office will be responsible for:

- Administrative support of the IACUC members to facilitate their regulatory function.
- Maintaining policy and assure regular review and update as necessary by the IACUC.

The Office of Comparative Medicine (CM) will be responsible for:

- Ensuring all Comparative Medicine personnel are enrolled in the Occupational Health Program.

VII. Procedures

All animal users or personnel with occupational exposure to research animals must enroll in FAU's Medical Monitoring Program for Animal Users. Enrollment is via submission of the medical monitoring enrollment packet for review by EH&S and the Medical Service Provider. The hazard assessment form must be submitted to EH&S and the remaining forms within the packet must be submitted to the Medical Service Provider. The program description, enrollment forms, and submission instructions may be found at <http://www.fau.edu/ehs/safety/medicalmonitoringprogram/>. Animal users will not be approved as project personnel on an IACUC protocol until they are enrolled in the program. New protocols will not be approved until all personnel listed on the protocol are enrolled in the program.

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VIII. Policy Renewal Date
7/31/2023

IX. References

POLICY APPROVAL

Initiating Authority

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