

Contract Animal Testing Policy

I. SCOPE

This policy pertains to contract animal studies conducted in the United States for USDA registered New York University School of Medicine (NYUSoM) sites in support of NYUSoM research.

II. POLICY

- A. All contract animal studies and contract animal facilities and programs must be in compliance with the USDA-APHIS Animal Welfare Act 9CFR Chapter I and all other applicable state and local regulations.
- B. Review and approval by the site Attending Veterinarian and scientific peer review is required for all contract animal studies performed for a principal investigator residing at an USDA registered facility site when conducted with USDA regulated animal species prior to study initiation. In addition, full NYUSoM IACUC approval is required when those animals are the property of NYUSoM.
- C. Contract laboratories routinely performing animal studies for a NYUSoM USDA registered facility site (currently: San Antonio, TX) are subject to biennial (every two years) vendor audits by the site Attending Veterinarian or his/her designee.

III. GENERAL

- A. All contract laboratories performing animal studies for NYUSoM must provide written assurance of compliance with the USDA-APHIS Animal Welfare Act 9 CFR Chapter I and all other applicable state and local regulations. On-going legal contracts and agreements must require continued regulatory compliance by the contract laboratory.
- B. All contract animal studies involving USDA regulated laboratory animal species (nonhuman primates, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and hamsters) performed for a NYUSoM USDA registered facility site must receive prior review and approval by the site Attending Veterinarian or his/her designee and scientific peer review before study initiation. In addition, for studies involving USDA regulated laboratory animal

species that are owned by the NYUSoM USDA registered facility site, IACUC review and approval are required before study initiation.

IV. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Study Requester

The individual contacting the contract facility must assure that the requirements described above (III. A.& B.) are met prior to study initiation.

The study requester must obtain written approval for all individual studies from the site veterinarian or his/her designee. For on-going studies, an annual review (at least once every 12 months) is required.

In addition, for all studies involving USDA regulated laboratory animal species that are owned by NYUSoM, the study requester/principal investigator must submit a completed Protocol Review Form for IACUC review and approval. Refer to the instructions on the form attached.

B. Site Attending Veterinarian

The USDA site-Attending Veterinarian must review all individual contract animal study requests and provides veterinary care recommendations as appropriate. In addition, for all studies involving USDA regulated laboratory animal species that are owned by NYUSoM, the site-Attending Veterinarian participates in the IACUC protocol review.

The site Attending Veterinarian or his/her designee perform biennial (at least once every two years) vendor audits of contract laboratories routinely performing animal studies for the NYUSoM USDA registered facility site (currently: Pearl River, NY and Marietta, PA). Written audit reports following the format described in the Animal Vendor Surveillance for Animal Care Programs Policy are followed.

Note: Contract laboratory animal studies involving mice and rats are exempt from these requirements.

C. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

When required (II.B. and III.B.), the NYUSoM IACUC performs protocol review and assures satisfactory scientific peer review has been completed. The IACUC approves the protocol or describes reasons for denial of approval and communicates its decision to the study requester.

D. Legal Dept.

The Legal Department reviews all legal contracts/agreements to assure adherence to USDA-APHIS Animal Welfare Act 9CFR Chapter I and all other applicable state and local regulations are included in the contractual requirements for all contract animal studies.