

TITLE: IVC Training

PURPOSE: Require training in the use of the IVC.

REVIEW/REVISIONS: Permanent amendment/revisions to this policy must be presented to the IACUC for review before implementation and should be developed by the IACUC membership and/or University Animal Care husbandry management.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2005; **Review/Re-Approved:** 11/2/06, November 1, 2007

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:

University Animal Care training personnel and all research personnel using IVC caging.

POLICY/PROCEDURES:

- * The IVC training is to be incorporated into the required MI training. It was noted that the IVC training should take only about a half hour. UAC training personnel will work directly with research groups to assure that training is completed.
- * All new personnel working with mice must complete IVC training *prior* to working with animals in this type of caging.
-All other personnel working with mice should have obtained this training by October 2005.
- * Individuals who do not receive timely training will have their facilities suspended until training has been completed.
- * Since this training has been incorporated into the MI training, both the IACUC certification office and UAC will be tracking compliance.

JUSTIFICATION:

It was noted by University Animal Care that there had been problems with investigators not being trained in the use of the Individually Ventilated Caging (IVC) that is being used with mice. UAC requested that the IACUC make a policy with regard to IVC training.