

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

POLICY ON RESEARCH SUPPORT TEAMS

GENERAL POLICY

Support teams are groups of defined team members that provide animal support services (e.g., peri-operative, anesthetic, and procedural care performed by Knight Surgical Research Laboratory staff) for animal research studies approved by the MGH IACUC. Such teams must seek approval in advance from the IACUC to be included under this policy. Members of approved animal research support teams may be listed collectively by team name on the protocol. Research support teams are listed as an 'External' group in the Insight system. CCM staff members do not need to be identified in the IACUC protocol if they perform research support services as part of their CCM duties.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that training and Occupational Health requirements for all team members are up-to-date and to communicate team personnel changes to the Office of Animal Welfare Assurance. The Office of Animal Welfare Assurance will approve the personnel change once training and occupational health requirements have been met. The Office of Animal Welfare Assurance is responsible for maintaining the research support team information, including personnel approved to work on the team, in Insight.

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