



## IACUC POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT

**Policy/Procedure:** Collaborative Research Performed at Other PHS Assured Institutions

**Policy/Procedure ID:** 04-04-002

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### A. Background

There are situations in which a Principal Investigator receives grant funding wherein BGSU is listed as the primary institution but the research with animals will be performed at a different assured institution.

NIH guidance (notice NOT-OD-01-017) to PHS awardee institutions and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees indicates that to reduce regulatory burden there is no requirement for duplicate review of protocols if the performance site (the site which the animal related work is to be done) holds a PHS approved animal welfare assurance. If both institutions have full PHS Assurances, they may exercise discretion in determining which IACUC will review the research protocol. The guidance recommends that if an IACUC defers protocol review to another IACUC, then documentation of the review should be maintained by both committees and that the deferring IACUC should request to be informed of any significant questions or issues raised during a semiannual program inspection, by the performance site's IACUC, of a facility housing a research activity for which the deferring IACUC bears some responsibility or exposure.

Reference: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-01-017.html>

### B. Policy

If a Bowling Green State University researcher is the Principal Investigator for a research project in which all animal-related research activities will be performed at another PHS assured institution, the BGSU IACUC will defer protocol review to the PHS assured performance site, with the following stipulations:

- The PI will submit documentation of the review and approval of the research activity by the performance site's IACUC to the BGSU IACUC, attached to a completed Inter-institutional Review Cover Sheet. The Office of Research Compliance will assign a BGSU protocol number to the project and will establish a protocol file for tracking purposes.
- The PI will provide, to the BGSU IACUC in a timely fashion, copies of performance site IACUC approval notifications relative to addenda and annual renewals for the research activity, to be maintained in the protocol file

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- The PI will provide, to the BGSU IACUC in a timely fashion, documentation of significant questions or issues raised by the performance site's IACUC during its semiannual program inspection of a facility housing the research activity in question, to be maintained in the protocol file.