



SOP #: 203.01

Title: SOP - Personnel Qualifications

Approvals:

Attending Veterinarian

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1. Purpose

1.1 Because of the importance of the use of animals in research and the existing regulations over this issue, FIU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee recognizes the need for educational programs intended to train scientists, professionals and technicians in the medical and technical aspects of the care and use of animals for these purposes.

1.2 To comply with various governmental regulation regarding personnel qualifications.

2. Responsibility

3. Definitions

3.1 AWR: Animal Welfare Regulations (Title 9 CFR Ch.1)

4. Guidelines

4.1 Training is mandatory and provided on subjects relative to research and animal care and use, including:

4.1.1 The laws, policies, procedures and guidelines related to the care and use of animals in biomedical research;

4.1.2 The basic needs of each species of animals, proper handling and care, proper pre- and post-procedural care, aseptic surgical methods and procedures, methods for reducing the use of animals or refinement procedure to minimize animal distress, proper use of anesthetics, analgesics and tranquilizers, reporting animal

deficiencies, utilization of search services to provide information (e.g. National Agricultural Library), alternative to the use of animals in research and prevention of unintended duplication of experiments.

- 4.1.3 The concern of the public regarding the care and use of animals in biomedical research;
- 4.1.4 The necessity for, and benefits of using animals in biomedical research;
- 4.1.5 The responsibility of each individual engaged in research with animals to conduct studies with animals in an ethical and humane manner;
- 4.1.6 The fundamental and specific technical skills necessary for the humane handling and use of animals in biomedical research.
- 4.1.7 The requirements for training and demonstrated competency for Animal facility SOP's and forms.

5. References

- 5.1 Animal Welfare Regulations (9 CFR Ch.1, §2.32)