

IACUC CHALLENGES: CASE STUDIES FROM REAL LIFE

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This popular session uses a mixture of case studies, group discussion, and interactive exercises to identify best practices for resolving real-life IACUC challenges or issues. Attendees should have a working knowledge of the regulations, guidelines, and policies associated with Animal Care and Use programs.

Faculty includes IACUC Program experts as well as representatives from OLAW and the USDA. Participants will work in small and large groups to discuss challenges and case scenarios. Faculty will interact with individuals and groups to assist them in developing methods to deal with difficult situations involving the IACUC.

Situations likely to be discussed include pain/distress categories, humane endpoints, rationale for species and numbers of animals, noncompliance and investigations, difficult investigators, high-risk animal models, how to implement and use veterinary verification and consultation (VVC), and training issues.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss and analyze simulated, problematic scenarios in IACUC function and responsibilities
- Formulate possibilities for resolution without conflict
- Discuss potential solutions to issues or questions while maintaining institutional compliance
- Share examples of strategies that have worked