

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

An institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) is required by federal regulations for institutions that use animals in research, teaching and testing. The IACUC is charged with overseeing the program including, but not limited to, the review and approval of animal use activities and inspection of animal facilities.

The IACUC Office has been sending out an inspection checklist to aid Principal Investigators in preparing for the semi-annual facility inspections.

The Designated Member Review (DMR) Policy was reviewed and now allows for higher pain procedures (Category D) to be reviewed via DMR. This has reduced wait time for the Principal Investigator as the protocol can be reviewed outside a full committee meeting.

The IACUC Office is in the process of adding additional guidance and samples to the website to provide additional help for Principal Investigators submitting protocols.

Committee Membership

The committee is made up of five UMaine faculty from various disciplines, one of which serves as the chair of the committee. Also includes the UMaine Biosafety Officer, Institutional Veterinarian, and a Community Member/Nonscientist.