ENSURING GRANT CONGRUENCY WITH YOUR IACUC PROTOCOL

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The NIH “Require[s] the institution to verify, before award, that the IACUC has reviewed and approved those components of grant applications and contract proposals related to the care and use of animals (PHS Policy and the NIH Grants Policy Statement [Part II, Terms and Conditions])

Institutional Responsibility

Necessary requirement to fulfill all regulatory expectations

NIH does not dictate methods to be used to confirm grant/protocol concordance.
How Does UNC Confirm Grant Congruency?

- Previous methods-relying on PI assurance (Not sufficient)

- Current method-review all NIH grants that are likely to be funded
  - Automatic Email notification
  - PI Requests Review

- Subcontracts
How Does UNC Confirm Grant Congruency?

- Side by Side Comparison of Documents

- Staff focus on the following areas:
  - Species
  - Procedures
  - Drugs (Agents, Dosages and Routes of Administration)
  - Experimental Endpoints
  - Method(s) of Euthanasia
Future Directions

- Subcontracts
  - PHS Assured
  - AAALAC Accredited
  - IACUC Approval
  - USDA Registered
How Can You Help Your PI?

- Ensure all animal activities described in grant are approved by the IACUC
- Ensure grant application is attached in RAMSeS.
- Request a grant congruency review
  - Provide additional information that would be helpful to the review
  - Contact OACU staff if you have a special situation.
If discrepancies are discovered, respond to them as soon as possible.

Ensure institutions to whom animal work is being subcontracted meet UNC requirements:
- PHS Assured
- AAALAC Accredited
- IACUC Approval
- USDA Registered
What If I Have Questions?

- See the FAQs on the IACUC website: http://research.unc.edu/offices/iacuc/index.htm

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QUESTIONS?