
POLICY ON AUTHORITY OF THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN

It is the Institution's responsibility to support ongoing improvements in the animal care and use programme through the development and implementation of procedures and policies that enhance the health of animals.

Adequate veterinary medical care is essential to an animal care and use programme. The Institution has therefore empowered the institution-appointed Attending Veterinarian (AV) and his/her designate with full authority to provide medical care and/or euthanasia, at his/her discretion, to research animals on NUS premises. While the AV will make every reasonable attempt to consult the Principal Investigator (PI) or responsible members of the research team, the AV is not required to seek approval from the investigator or other parties to provide treatment or euthanasia to research animals, if such actions are deemed necessary by the AV for the animals' welfare or to ensure the welfare of remaining NUS animal population

Additionally, the AV and his/her designate is authorised to have unrestricted access to all areas where animals are used or housed (including but not limited to the vivarium, research laboratories, and research study areas), and to suspend immediately research activities that are inconsistent with acceptable research conduct or where there is protocol deviation. The IACUC will be accordingly informed for further action.