University Veterinarian and Alternates

**Summary/Policy:** To show University Veterinarian's responsibilities and the procedure during the absence of the University Veterinarian

The University of Mississippi Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has made arrangements to have a half-time University Veterinarian (UV). All of the Veterinarian's time is devoted to the animal research program. The UV has direct responsibility, as described in the paragraph below, for all University-based activities on the University of Mississippi campus and its satellites involving the care and use of all vertebrate animals used for research and teaching. The University of Mississippi UV is Harry C. Fyke, D.V.M.

**Responsibilities of the University Veterinarian**
This position is responsible for providing veterinary guidance and consultation to animal users on matters concerning preventive medicine, proper use of anesthetics, and analgesics and tranquilizers, perioperative care, euthanasia, diagnostic procedures, and provision of veterinary care, emergency care and use of hazards, occupational health, use of animals, and aspects of animal husbandry. The UV further provides guidance on health and surgical procedures and choosing appropriate animal models or alternatives to animal models, in addition to providing training to investigators and animal technicians on animal welfare laws.

**Procedures in the Absence of the University Veterinarian**
There may be times when the University Veterinarian, Dr. Fyke, is out of town or unavailable. In these instances, arrangements have been made with two alternate veterinarians familiar with the UM animal care and use program. The Animal Facility Supervisor, IACUC Coordinator or other designated personnel will contact the appropriate alternate veterinarian.

1. Contact Dr. Ernest Harland, who has a contractual agreement to be on call for consultation and emergency care, if Dr. Fyke is out of town or unavailable and there is an emergency (accident, natural disaster, fire) or a PI requests/needs consultation.

2. Contact Dr. Andrew Grady, who has agreed to assist with the review of protocol and significant change amendments via e-mail/fax, if Dr. Fyke is out of town or unavailable and protocols and/or significant change amendments need to be reviewed and approved.

**References:**
(AWAR §2.33a1; §2.33b1; §2.33b5)
(PHS Policy IV.C.1.e; IV.A.3.b.1; Guide, p. 56)
(The IACUC Handbook, Silverman et al., p. 455)