



RESEARCH GOVERNANCE UNIT
St. Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)
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COMMITTEE TRAINING

Statement of Intent and Outcomes

The St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) is committed to fulfilling the governing principles of the *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* (2013), by ensuring that all members undertake adequate training to fulfil their role on the committee.

Definitions

Adequate training is defined as participation in at least one education session in animal welfare/ethics per three year appointment. This training may be internal, external, formal or informal.

Procedure

To ensure all AEC members are appropriately trained to perform a high quality review of animal research projects, all members must participate in an education session specific to animal welfare/ethics at least once during each three year appointment. This training may be internal, external, formal or informal.

All members have the opportunity to apply for funding to attend such training sessions, where it is assessed as reasonable by the Director of Research and/or the Executive Officer of the Research Directorate.

Upon completion of a training session, AEC members may provide a brief report at the next meeting as a measure of information sharing. This can be provided as a verbal account or in writing.

A record of attendance will also be kept in the Research Governance Unit for all members with periodic audits to ensure members receive adequate training.

Associated Procedures/Instructions

Nil

Reference Documents

- Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (2013)
- Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018)

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