CPIA Exam Key References and Study Resources

The key references and study aids listed below may assist in preparing for the Certification Examination for Professionals in IACUC Administration. These references and resources include information of significance to IACUC administrators and animal research protection programs. Inclusion of references on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the CPIA Council or PRIM&R of specific professional literature which, if used, would guarantee candidates’ successful passing of the certification examination.

These publications are listed as general resources that include information relevant to the Body of Knowledge/Content Outline required for this certification. In preparing for the Exam, applicants should focus on those sections of these materials that relate to IACUC administration and the Body of Knowledge/Content Outline in the CPIA Handbook.

Key References

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS):
- The 50 Years of Laboratory Animal Science
- The History of the Animal Welfare Act
- The History of the Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals


The Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in DOD Programs

Department of Defense Instruction: Use of Animals in DOD Programs, September 13, 2010.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Handbook 1200.07, Use of Animals in Research, November 23, 2011.


Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, National Research Council, 2011.

Nuremberg Code

National Institutes of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (NIH OLAW):
- FAQs
- Guidance Notices
- Articles by OLAW Staff and References
- Commentary

Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
• Health Research Extension Act of 1985
• Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
• US Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Teaching, Research, and Training

US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS)
• Animal Welfare Act
• Animal Welfare Regulations
• Animal Care Policy Manual
• Publications and Reports

Study Aids and Resources

AALAS Learning Library, Compliance & IACUC Training Modules

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, Animal Care and Use Modules
Some of these modules are restricted to institutional subscribers.

Occupational Health and Safety in the Care and Use of Research Animals, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. 1997:

Report of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine on Adequate Veterinary Care.

USDA Animal Welfare Inspection Guide