What is the CT IACUC Administrators Networking Group?

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Introduction

Whether you’re from a large institution or small institution, we all share the challenges of managing a compliant and functional Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). In your IACUC office there may only be you and one other person managing protocols, grant congruency, facility inspections, program reviews, teaching, and training and you ask yourself – is there a better way to manage the IACUC program? Conferences, webinars, and reference books provide a wealth of information, but still there is an unmet need to interact with IACUC Administrator peers who live and work in your area. Opportunities to network and share best practices are out there but it requires initiative and genuine interest in bridging IACUC Administrators across multiple institutions together; that’s exactly why the Connecticut IACUC Networking Group came into existence.

Meeting Events

CTIA Networking Group presents:
A Principal Investigators Perspective: Looking into the Future for IACUC Administration Supporting Animal Research Programs

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Benefits

• Sharing Best Practices for IACUC Administration
• Guest Speakers
• Continuing Education Credits
• Peer Interaction and Discussion
• Problem Solve
• Regulatory Hot Topics
• New IACUC Administrators – Peer Support

Results

Administrators across southern New England have enjoyed the quarterly meetings discussing everything IACUC as well as attending the guest speaker series held at Pfizer, Inc. in Groton, CT and UConn Health in Farmington, CT. Feedback from our members has been positive and interest in hosting one of our quarterly meetings at their institution home site has been offered. From our experience creating this networking group of IACUC administrators, members have another level of support and resources to help them at their individual institutions. Our mission is to help other IACUC Administrators develop their own networking group and obtain the same benefits that we have.

Interested in Joining?

Interested in joining the CTIA Networking group or starting your own IA Networking Group? Please reach out to Toni and Alison, their emails are listed here:
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Participating Institutions

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Massachusetts Tech College

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Standing Agenda

Typically, at least two meetings are scheduled to discuss topics related to IACUC Administration such as:
• IACUC Semi-Annual Program Reviews
• Facility Inspections
• Animal Use Protocols
• AAALAC
• Post Approval Monitoring
• Facility Specific Topics

Member Feedback

• Value added discussion;
• Educational, Informational, Comfortable

GUEST SPEAKERS

• January 2018 – Conversation with the regional USDA VMO, Dr. P. Gladue
• August 2018 – PRIM&R Regional Connections grant guest speaker, Dr. J. G. Collins
• January 2019 – Institutional Official Panel Discussion with Dr. M. Hargaden (Pfizer), Dr. P. Snyder (URI), and Dr. W. Byerly (UCONN HEALTH)

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