University of Cincinnati
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Change or Addition of a Principal Investigator to an Approved Protocol

The Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) identifies the change or addition of a Principal Investigator (PI) as a significant change that requires IACUC review and approval.

In order to change the PI of an approved protocol (i.e. replace approved PI with another), the protocol must be revised accordingly and submitted to the IACUC office as a protocol modification that will undergo IACUC review.

In cases where a PI is added to an approved protocol (i.e. addition of a co-PI), the following steps are required:
- An “Addition of a co-Principal Investigator to an Approved Protocol” form must be submitted.
- An “Addition of Personnel” form for the co-PI must be submitted if the co-PI is not already approved to work under the protocol.
- The IACUC Chair will function as the designated reviewer.
- The signed approval letter will be sent to Principal Investigator and co-PI.