

Clemson University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy Number: 1.4

Policy Title: Addressing the Departure or Sudden Absence of a Principal Investigator

Section 1: Purpose

The following policy was developed to provide guidance on addressing the departure of a principal investigator (PI) from the University or the sudden absence of a principal investigator.

Section 2: Scope

This policy applies to all approved and active AUPs.

Section 3: Policy

When a PI departs from the University or is suddenly absent, the Department Head/Chair becomes the person responsible for overseeing protocol activities and personnel. The Department Head/Chair is also responsible for reporting activity to the IACUC through real-time reporting and reporting through the annual review form. The Department Head/Chair will continue these responsibilities until the PI returns or a new PI is identified. The PI of a protocol can be changed by following the procedure outlined in Policy 2.6. The Office of Research Compliance will remind the Department Head/Chair of these responsibilities as soon as possible after the discovery of a PI's absence.