

University Committee on Animal Care

Policy on Animal Tissue from Local Slaughter Houses and Tissues Collected as a By-Product of other UCAC Approved Activities

Local Slaughter Houses

UCAC approval is not required if the collection takes place postmortem and as a by-product of the commercial enterprise. However, it is in the institution's best interest to ensure that issues such as occupational health and safety, potential disease transmission to colony animals, and related matters be addressed. Thus, the Investigator should discuss the collection process with the Attending Veterinarian prior to collecting the tissues. If the Investigator and the Attending Veterinarian adequately address the above mentioned issues, UCAC action is not required.

By-Product of Other UCAC Approved Activities

UCAC approval is not required to collect tissues that are a by-product of other UCAC approved activities as long as the tissues collected:

- Do not alter the approved procedures in any way
- Tissues are collected after the animal is dead

The use of shared tissues and slaughterhouse material is an effective application of Reduction, Refinement and Replacement and is encouraged.

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