

Protocol Specific Training

All personnel carrying out protocol specific or advanced animal care procedures (e.g. surgery or clinical care) involving animals must be appropriately trained prior to being allowed to perform the procedures on live animals. If this training is provided outside of the CMU offered courses described above, the following rules apply:

1. The Supervisor (PI for research staff or Vivarium Manager for Vivarium Staff) is responsible for ensuring adequate training but the actual training may be delegated to appropriately qualified individuals.
2. The supervisor is responsible for ensuring documentation of protocol specific training or animal care training, creation and tracking of the training document may be delegated so long as the PI ensures that training is being documented.
3. For invasive procedures it is strongly recommended that training include:
 - Observation of the procedure being conducted by an experienced individual (trainer)
 - Practice sessions utilizing deceased animals and/or animals scheduled to be euthanized (non-survival).
 - Procedure conducted cooperatively with an experienced trainer
 - Procedure conducted by the trainee alone but in the presence of an experienced trainer
 - Procedure conducted independently