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3.0 Components of the Program

3.1 Animal Occupational Health and Safety Program Guidelines

As part of the initial education and training components all participants have access to and must read the AOHS Program which provides education regarding precautions to be taken during pregnancy, illness, or decreased immunocompetence. The AOHS Program also provides information on allergies to laboratory animals. As part of the IACUC training, all Participants are required to sign the Acknowledgement Form for Receipt which acknowledges they have read and understand the AOHS Program, Zoonotic Disease Descriptions, ARF Gowning and De-Gowning Fact Sheet, and the Medical Questionnaire Form for Animal Exposure Risk Assessment. The acknowledgement form also notifies participants who do not understand the contents it is their responsibility to ask questions and get the needed information from individuals involved in the Animal Care Program or their own personal physician. It also acknowledges that while Creighton University complies with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations and has implemented programs to protect and preserve their health and safety they are responsible for taking reasonable actions for their own health and safety. Furthermore it acknowledges that Creighton University has provided them with access to these documents to assist in protecting and preserving their health and safety.

The Research Compliance office maintains a database of all participants who have completed the AOH&S requirements.

3.2 Medical Questionnaire Form for Animal Exposure Risk Assessment

The AOHS Program includes a mandatory Medical Questionnaire Form for Animal Exposure Risk Assessment (the "Medical Questionnaire"). The purpose of the Medical Questionnaire is to identify individuals who may be at risk for development of injuries, zoonotic diseases or animal allergies to help identify appropriate education, counseling, and preventative measures to reduce these risks. A Participant must complete and submit his or her initial Medical Questionnaire to the Occupational Health Monitor along with the Acknowledgement Form upon initial receipt of access to the AOHS Program. An individual who refuses to complete the Medical Questionnaire will not be permitted to work with animals. An individual at high risk who refuses safety measures may be prevented from working in environments that pose a risk.

Due to the ever changing body of knowledge regarding zoonotic diseases and risks associated with working with animals, all Participants will be required to update the Medical Questionnaire

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annually. Failure to update information annually will result in an individual being unable to work with research animals. In some instances, individuals may be evaluated more frequently based on physician recommendation.

The Medical Questionnaire will be reviewed in a confidential manner by an occupational health specialist and recommendations will be made to the Participant with respect to additional physician evaluation, training and/or immunization as necessary.

The Medical Questionnaire and the AOHS Program are not intended to provide a substitute for standard medical care. All participants should inform their primary care physicians of job responsibilities involving animals.