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IBC - Institutional Biosafety Committee

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) is a University-wide review body that provides oversight over University operations and activities of a potentially biologically hazardous nature. The IBC reviews and approves research that involves potentially biohazardous materials (plant and animal pathogens, oncogenes, carcinogens, toxins and recombinant DNA), as required by University, State and Federal directives.

The IBC consists of no fewer than five members so selected that they collectively have experience and expertise in recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules and technology. The committee shall also include a biosafety officer, one scientist with expertise in animal containment, and one scientist with plant, plant pathogen or plant containment principles. Two members shall be from the community and who represent the interest of the surrounding community with respect to health and protection of the environment. The committee has the capability to assess the safety of the proposed research and to identify any potential risk to public health or the environment.

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