

Module 4:

AAALAC International's Expectations for Veterinary Medical Care

(~ 1.5 hours)

One of the primary purposes of the walk-through evaluation conducted by the AAALAC International site visit team is to assess the condition and functioning of the physical plant where animals are housed and used. *Guide* recommendations for corridors, doors, windows, power, lighting, storage, noise control, cagewash, and surgical facilities will be presented in a performance standard context. The same approach is used for discussing Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) standards while also exploring the impact of such issues as air diffusion patterns, air exchange rates and air filtration needs. In addition to discussing basic design concepts and functional areas, this module will provide information on available resources for designing new animal facilities and renovating existing ones. The most frequent physical plant deficiencies are also provided to show in which areas most problems are found during AAALAC International site visits.

