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### 13. Animal Handler Risk Assessment

*A distance learning opportunity*

**June 26, 2024**

12:00 – 2:30pm (CDT)

Risk assessments are an important and integral part of occupational health programs, veterinary medical education, veterinary diagnostic laboratories, and IBC reviews for animal handlers and other workers who are exposed to animal tissues, body fluids, secretions or excretions. The risk assessment must accompany a medical evaluation that monitors workers for underlying medical risk factors, allergies, and vaccination status and awareness training for workers exposed to animals.

This introductory webinar will provide an overview of the hazards associated with animal work and focus on the questions that should be asked in a risk assessment to elucidate the information needed to build a complete risk assessment profile for work conducted with animals and with animal derived tissues and specimens. The webinar will cover strategies for implementing the risk assessment, including how and when to involve other specialists, and integrating the process into the overall occupational health program. Circumstances where additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment will be identified; such situations will require follow-up interviews and in some cases site visits by the biosafety professional. Translation of the risk assessment into recommendations for risk mitigation will be discussed.

Scenarios will be included to provide examples of how to apply risk assessment to activities involving animal research or other work exposure. This course is not meant to give you the answers to all the scenarios you may come across, but rather to arm you with the tools to ask the right questions to identify appropriate hazard control strategies for the work to be conducted.

This webinar will be a 2.5-hour session on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 12:00 pm (CDT). For the webinar session, you should plan on logging in 15 minutes prior to the start time. You are required to attend the webinar session, complete and/or access all the modules in the course on the training site to receive the completion certificate through the ABSA International Training Site. The link in the invitation will be unique to the user and cannot be shared.

*Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:*

- Develop and conduct an appropriate risk assessment strategy for your institution and research program
- Define how and when to coordinate with Occupational Medicine professionals or other specialists (i.e. Industrial Hygienists / Chemical Safety Officers)
- Identify appropriate risk mitigation strategies to animal handlers and labs handling animal materials
- Coordinate follow-up interviews and evaluations

*What will not be covered in detail:*

- Non-human primate risks and strategies
- Detailed information about field work with animals

The webinar will be presented by **Matt Philpott, PhD**, retired animal disease researcher and biological safety officer.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

- Animal handlers, technicians, researchers, animal facility managers
- Laboratory workers
- Research veterinarians and veterinarian assistants or technicians
- Biosafety professionals
- Occupational health professionals
- Principal investigators

#### **COURSE FEES**

___ ABSA Members	\$125.00 USD
___ Nonmembers	\$200.00 USD

To obtain the ABSA member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSA member in the **year** in which the training is offered. Course fees include: course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and a 2.5-hour interactive session with a well-respected subject matter expert.

**Group Discount:** For all registration discounts, participants must be from the same organization: 10% off each registration for 3-4 participants; 20% off each registration for 5-9 participants; 30% off each registration for 10 or more participants. *Please call the ABSA Office to register your group.*

#### **QUESTIONS**

Please direct questions about this webinar to: Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free), Email: education@absa.org

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# Registration Form

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\*Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State: Country: Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide your preferred email address, which you frequently access)

### ***\*Required information***

#### **Payment:**

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Check enclosed (drawn in a US Bank on US funds; made payable to ABSA International)

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