

Is our candidate qualified to serve as the NSM on our IACUC?

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Current primary occupation and prior training are not related to carrying out research involving animals.

Examples of some who are disqualified: research staff member named on an animal use protocol, animal technician who manages routine anesthesia during research procedures, lab technician who has been trained to perform tail snips (even if s/he has never actually been named as a participant on an animal use protocol)

FALSE

TRUE

Is not currently responsible for directing other to perform research procedures on animals

Example of one who is disqualified: the PI on a project that involves animal research (even if the PI does not personally perform any of the procedures on the animals)

FALSE

TRUE

Is likely to be perceived by the general public as unbiased with regard to the interests of scientists involved in animal research?

Examples of some who are disqualified: VMU Supervisor, health care provider, active scientist in any field (even in a field that does not involve animal research, such as botany, geology, or mathematics), someone who was involved in animal research in the past (even if no longer active)

FALSE

TRUE

“Has a naïve attitude with regard to science and scientific activities” and “is without scientific training”?

FALSE

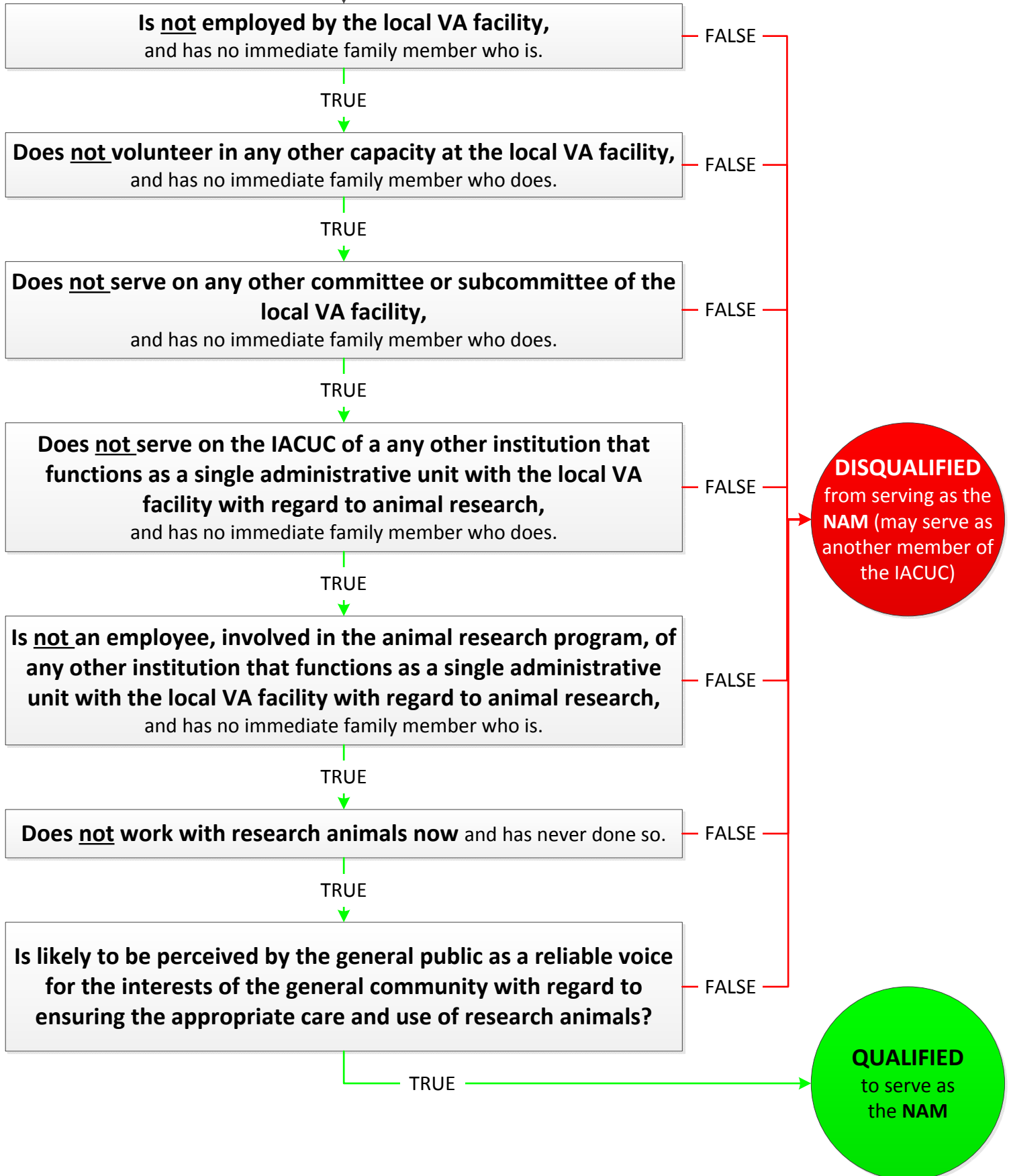
TRUE

DISQUALIFIED
from serving as the
NSM (may serve as
another member
of the IACUC)

QUALIFIED
to serve as
the NSM

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“Non-Scientific Member”

One whose training, experience, and current primary occupation are not “scientific”

Members of the clergy

Ethicist

Lawyer

“Scientific”

One with scientific training, or who does not have a naïve attitude toward science and scientific activities

Biological scientists with no experience in animal research

Animal technician who performs routine animal research procedures

VMU Supervisor

“Scientific Member”

Practicing scientist experienced in animal research

Retired scientist who used to conduct animal research, but no longer does

Healthcare providers

One trained in science, even if not currently practicing

Scientists in fields that do not involve animal research (e.g. Botany, geology, mathematics)

Practicing scientist who supervises, but does not personally conduct animal research

Librarian

Instructors in Liberal Arts fields (e.g., English, history)

Those working in business or finance