

Animal Procedure Cards

...when and how to use them effectively...

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Animal procedure cards will be put on all cages of rodents and rabbits by the investigators or their research staff at the time of the procedure.



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This card indicates that some type of procedure has been performed on the animal. These procedures include survival surgery or injections of various agents that can alter the animal's health status.


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The card alerts the DCM staff members to monitor the animal/s closely and report any abnormalities to the veterinary staff and investigators for health problems that may be associated with any procedures.



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To be completed by investigator or lab staff at time of placement

 Procedure Date: _____ PI and AUP#: _____ Procedure: _____			
DATE	MEDS	OBS	INITIALS

The card should be placed in the cardholder behind the original cage card. Use the opposite side of the card to document continued observations.

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Draws the attention to the animal's cage for closer observations during daily routine health checks.

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Procedure Date: _____

Include month, date, and year for recordkeeping

Fill in the date the procedure was performed.

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PI and AUP#: _____

Provide investigator's full name and correct, current AUP number. This information helps staff know who to contact in case of a problem.

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PROCEDURE: _____

Provide a brief description of procedure including dose, route, frequency, anatomic location, etc.

Examples: 0.1 ml SQ tumor cell injection Rt thigh; midline lap. w/Lt. kidney removal; intracranial cannulation; injection 0.25 ml tumor cells IP; single CFA injection SQ on back (0.25 mls); etc.

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POST-PROCEDURAL MEDICATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

This section is for recording any post procedural medications (analgesics, antibiotics, anesthetics, etc.) and observations (BAR-bright, alert, responsive; tumor size increased; depressed, etc.)

This information helps DCM comply with regulations and assists in meeting adequate recordkeeping requirements

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DATE	MEDS	OBS	INITIALS
Give full date	Drug, dose, & route	Animal's condition	Who gave meds or observed animal
10/30/2009	Buprenex, SQ, .2ml	BAR	

All columns and rows must be completed for adequate records and to facilitate the ability to assess the patient.

This table is for daily observation by the research staff. Initial and Date daily for at least 5 days following the procedure. In situations where postoperative sutures are present, initials must be made until suture removal. When tumors are present, initials and observations must be made for the duration of the experiment.

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After the observation period has ended or the animal is euthanized, the card(s) should be returned to DCM by placing in the drop box outside the veterinary technician's office - [REDACTED]. These are kept as records by DCM. If any questions arise during or after the observation period, contact the DCM vets or vet techs.



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