



Post-Surgical Observation Form for Rodents

Principal Investigator: _____ Protocol #: _____

Study/Group ID: _____

Other Study Notes: _____

Use the charts below to track observations post-procedure. Frequency of monitoring must be done according to the approved IACUC protocol and adjusted in conditions warrant more frequent observations. Note any treatments given.

Assessment Score =	-0-	-1-	-2-	-3-
Attitude and Posture	<i>Alert & not hunched</i>	<i>Not Alert or hunched</i>	<i>Not alert & hunched</i>	<i>Not responsive to stimuli</i>
Gait and Movement	<i>Active</i>	<i>Somewhat inactive</i>	<i>Completely inactive</i>	<i>Lying on side</i>
Surgical Site	<i>Clean & not swollen</i>	<i>Exudates or swelling</i>	<i>Exudates & swelling</i>	<i>Wound rupture</i>
Appetite	<i>Eating & drinking</i>	<i>Low eating/drinking</i>	<i>Not eating or drinking</i>	<i>Not eating/drinking for >3 days</i>
Elimination	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Softer than normal</i>	<i>Diarrhea</i>	<i>Diarrhea > 3 days</i>

Treatment Plan (in consultation with Veterinarian)

- Scores = 3 in any category: *euthanize immediately*
- Scores = 2 in any category: *evaluate & consult with vet*
- Total Score > 3: *consult with vet*
- Score > 1 in Appetite: *Provide easy access to food & treats*

Date & Time	Animal ID	Weight	Posture	Move-ment	Surgical Site	Appetite	Elimination	Total Score	Initials	Notes