

Abscess / Tumor

Clinical Observation: Tumor (experimental or natural) on rodent. Lesion less than 1 cm³ for mice and 2 cm³ for rats may be monitored for ulceration and/or enlargement. Exceptions are permitted when scientifically justified and approved by the Institution for Animal Care and Use Committee.

Treatment:

- Abscess may be treated: cleanse wound with disinfectant, apply topical antibiotic for 7 days not including weekends → Recheck and evaluate → if no improvement, recommend humane euthanasia to PI / lab contact.
- Lesion greater than 1 cm³ for mice and 2 cm³ for rats involving eyes, mouth, nose, genitalia and/or restricts normal limb movement should **NOT** be treated and recommendation for humane euthanasia will be made to PI / lab contact.

Plan: Inform PI and/or lab's contact person (should refer to DUMC Tumor Burden Policy). Treat if appropriate. Ask lab to consider euthanasia where appropriate.

Steps for submitting DLAR Request for Health Check

1. Animal Care Person (DLAR personnel, PI Lab person) will complete DLAR Request for Health Check form and place red Veterinary Examination card in cage cardholder
2. Give completed DLAR Request form to area supervisor, veterinarian or veterinary technician (**Page Veterinarian / veterinary technician when necessary**)
3. Veterinarian / veterinary technician will examine animal, make comments on DLAR Request for Health Check form and red Veterinary Examination card with date and initials
4. Contact PI or contact person (phone, email and/or fax) and to discuss plans for treatment or to recommend humane euthanasia by specified time period
5. Treatments will be done by a DLAR veterinarian, supervisor or designated veterinary technician and recorded on DLAR Request for Health Check form and red Veterinary Examination card.

Conditions That Require Immediate Examination (Page Veterinarian when Necessary)

Moribund (near death) animal e.g....hunched posture, thin, weak, anemic, hypothermic, dyspneic

Dystocia (difficult birth)

Dyspneic (difficult breathing)

Bleeding (fresh) wound

Prolapsed rectums or genitalia

Dehiscence (opening or rupturing) of wound or surgical sites

Paresis/ Paralysis

Not able to eat or drink (dehydrated, malocclusion, oral tumor)

Rodent showing signs of pain