

Ulcerative Dermatitis (UD)

Clinical Observation: Rodent has skin wound (moist, dry) and may see animal scratching intensely. Old lesions appear raw and scar tissue may cause abnormal posture and/ or movement of body.

- Lesion less than 2 cm² for mice and 3 cm² for rats may be treated
Treatment: topical triple antibiotic or Animax ointment, daily for 7 days→
Recheck and evaluate→ if no improvement, recommend humane euthanasia to PI / contact person.
- Lesion greater than 2 cm² for mice and 3 cm² for rats and/or involving eyes, mouth, nose, genitalia and/or restricts normal limb movement should **NOT** be treated, but the recommendation for humane euthanasia to PI / contact person will be made.

Plan: Rule-out ectoparasites as a cause for the condition. Inform PI and/or Lab's contact of treatment plan. DLAR will provide treatment (maximum of 20 days) until lab removes animal from the facility or until it is determined that there will be no response to treatment (DLAR will recommend sacrificing animal).

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