

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Multiple Major Surgical Procedures

Major surgery penetrates and exposes a body cavity (abdomen, thorax, cranium) or produces substantial impairment of physical or physiologic function (orthopedic, neurologic, endocrine, etc). Multiple major survival surgical procedures on a single animal are discouraged but may be permitted if scientifically justified by the user and approved by the IACUC.

A recovery, surgical event followed by a subsequent surgical event (from which the animal does not regain consciousness) is not considered a multiple major survival surgical procedure.

Peripheral vessel cannulation likewise is not considered a component of multiple major survival surgical procedures.

The UMMC Animal Activity Protocol form question #16 prompts the investigator to note if Multiple Major Survival Procedures are a component of the protocol. Further, the investigator must complete Appendix H and explain and justify the need for the multiple procedures in the same animal.

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