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ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROGRAM

Multiple Major Surgical Procedures

1. PURPOSE: To establish policy and procedures for the use of multiple major surgical procedures.

2. POLICY: All procedures will be conducted in compliance with all regulatory guidelines and approved protocols.

3. PROCEDURES:

A. Definition: Major surgery penetrates and exposes a body cavity or produces substantial impairment of physical or physiologic function.

B. No animal will be used in more than one major operative procedure from which it is allowed to recover, unless it is justified for scientific reasons in writing by the principal investigator and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or required as routine veterinary procedure or to protect the health or well-being of the animal as determined by the attending veterinarian.

4. REFERENCES: Animal Welfare Regulations (AWRs) (CFR 1985); PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS 2002); Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals 1996

5. RESCISIONS: None

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