

COLON CATHETERIZATION

ORDER CODE: COLON

SPECIES: Rat, Mouse

DIET SUPPLEMENT: None required

This procedure involves the surgical placement of a catheter into the colon to allow for injection of solutions.

Surgical Procedure

The animal is prepared for surgery using preoperative and anesthetic procedures as described in our *Surgical Capabilities Reference Paper*, Vol. 13 No.1, 2005. The animal is fasted for at least 12 hours, but not longer than 24 hours. An abdominal midline incision is made to expose the colon. A purse-string suture is placed in the colon just below the cecum. An incision is made within the purse-string suture into the colon. The catheter is inserted into the colon and secured with the suture. The catheter is tunneled subcutaneously and exteriorized at the scapula region. The abdominal incision is closed with suture and the skin incision with wound clips. The catheter is filled with sterile saline and plugged. The excess length of catheter is tucked into the subcutaneous skin pocket. The catheter plug is left exposed and is secured using a wound clip.

IACUC

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