Charles River Surgical Support Programs

Overview
The use of surgically altered animals enables researchers to study the physiological effects of a disease. In-house surgical capabilities provide the flexibility of having surgically altered models when your research requires it. With the Rent-a-Surgeon and Rent-a-Trainer programs from Charles River, our experienced surgeons will travel to your facility to perform the IACUC-approved surgical procedures you need, or to train your staff on the procedure.

Rent-a-Trainer
Your surgical team may not have the expertise conveniently on hand to perform certain complex procedures. The Rent-a-Trainer program offered by Charles River provides on-site surgical training on IACUC-approved procedures to your staff using well-developed Charles River models. This program enables you to refine and expand your in-house surgical capabilities through training with our experienced surgeons.

Rent-a-Surgeon
Certain research protocols require animal surgeries to be performed on-site. This may be due to the restraints of time, study complexity or the animal type. The Rent-a-Surgeon program allows one of our surgical technicians to travel to your facility to perform IACUC-approved surgical procedures as requested by you. This program enables you to receive outsourced expertise with in-house convenience. Your animals become available for study quicker, without having to wait for shipping and acclimation.

Program Highlights:
- In-house convenience
- Experienced surgeons
- Reduced animal stress
- Minimized surgical complications
- Increase in-house surgical capabilities

Training and Procedures:
- Basics of rodent surgery
- Vascular catheterizations
- Non-vascular catheterizations
- Device implants
- Soft tissue procedures
- Neurological procedures
- Cardiovascular procedures

Additional Resources:
- Surgically altered models
- Customized surgical procedures
- Professional support staff

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