



## Splenectomy

Surgery Code: SPLEENX

The splenectomy is of benefit to preclinical or research studies involving immunology or hematopoietic diseases.

### Animal Models

Typical selections are listed below; however, choices for strain, age and weight may be limited due to model anatomy and/or physiological conditions.

- Rats: male/female, any strain, age  $\geq$  21 days old
- Mice: male/female, any strain, age  $\geq$  21 days old

### Procedure Details

- **Perioperative care:** Please view our Pre- and Postoperative Care Sheet, which can be found at [www.criver.com/opcare](http://www.criver.com/opcare).
- **Housing:** The animals can be group housed.
- **Diet:** No special diet is required.
- **Postoperative holding period:** At a minimum, post-op animals are held 2 days, with the majority of animals shipping within 7 days of surgery.
- **Maintenance:** Incision wound clips should be removed 7-10 days after surgery.

### Surgical Summary

A dorsal incision is made lateral to the spine and the abdominal cavity is entered. The splenic blood vessels are ligated or cauterized, and the spleen is removed by transecting the vessels just distal to the ligature or cauterized section. The skin incision is closed with wound clips or per request.

### IACUC

The Charles River Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) governs the entire surgical process, including all anesthesia, analgesia, animal preparation and any postoperative holding in Charles River facilities prior to shipment. Review of experimental protocols, authorization to order animals that are surgically modified from Charles River, and all aspects concerning the use of the animals after they arrive at the institution are the responsibility of the receiving institution's IACUC.

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