



Thyroid-Parathyroidectomy

Surgery Code: THYRO + PARA

The thyroid-parathyroidectomy is of benefit to preclinical or research studies involving the endocrine system, particularly those relating to parathyroid function and calcium metabolism.

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, weight \geq 150 g

Procedure Details

- **Perioperative care:** Please view our Pre- and Postoperative Care Sheet, which can be found at www.criver.com/opcare.
- **Housing:** The animals can be group housed.
- **Diet:** Animals require a 1% calcium water supplementation after surgery.
- **Postoperative holding period:** At a minimum, post-op animals are held overnight, 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

An incision is made on the ventral midline of the neck up to the mandible. The salivary glands and sternohyoid muscles are retracted. The thyroid gland and the parathyroid glands are identified and removed. 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 animals after they arrive at the institution are the responsibility of the receiving institution's IACUC.

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