



# Dartmouth College

## Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

### IACUC Policy

**Title:** Tumor Endpoints in Animal Studies

**Policy**

The following clinical signs indicate that the endpoint has been reached in studies that involve tumors in rodents, unless scientifically justified:

- A tumor burden greater than 10% of the body weight, and in an adult mouse, a mean tumor diameter exceeding 1.5 cm or in an adult rat, a mean tumor diameter exceeding 40 mm.
- Tumors that ulcerate, become necrotic or infected.
- When a tumor impedes an animal's ability to move their limbs and assume normal body postures.
- Any animal found to be moribund, cachectic, or unable to obtain food or water.