

# CARDIAC BLOOD COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIONS IN MICE IN-PERSON TRAINING

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COMPARATIVE MEDICINE

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## Discuss/Review:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Collection** directly from the heart (i.e., cardiac) is a **terminal** procedure used to collect final large volume.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blood **must collected** only when mice are deeply anesthetized (injectable or isoflurane), or **immediately following** euthanasia with CO<sub>2</sub>.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to 1ml of blood can be collected.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cardiac Injection also **requires anesthesia** (Isoflurane is recommended); this injection route is typically done as a one-time administration and is not repeated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to 0.2ml volume may be delivered to heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Both techniques require care and consideration regarding excessive movement of the needle tip so as not to cause ripping of the muscle that could result in prevention of full volume collection or administration.

## Demonstrate/Assess:

### Cardiac Blood Collection

- \_\_\_\_\_ The mouse must be **anesthetized or euthanized** immediately prior to collection.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The entire ventral surface is saturated with alcohol or Oxivir to assist with visualization of landmarks (e.g., xiphoid process).
- \_\_\_\_\_ The xiphoid “groove” is located by lightly running the needle across/down the ventral surface & letting it ‘drop’ into the notch just to the right side as the technician is looking at the animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A **25g needle** and 1cc syringe combination is inserted into the chest at the xiphoid process at **~45° angle.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Once the needle has been introduced it is advanced while keeping **constant slight negative aspiration** pressure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If the needle is positioned correctly, blood will flow with very little pressure being applied to the plunger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hemolysis of samples is often seen when too much aspiration **force** has been exerted during the collection process or when **blood clots** are forced through the needle into collection tubes. Care should be taken to avoid both.

### Cardiac Administration

- \_\_\_\_\_ The mouse must be isoflurane **anesthetized** and placed in dorsal recumbency.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The thumb is placed just under the animal's **left elbow** and the index finger on the opposite side of the chest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care is taken to keep the fingers neutral and not to apply pressure/squeeze.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The intended **injection site** is saturated with chlorhexidine/alcohol based skin sanitizer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A **25g or smaller needle** and 1cc syringe combination is inserted just behind the elbow atop the tech's thumb, parallel to the table-top.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Once the needle has been introduced and slowly advanced while keeping **constant** negative aspiration pressure until blood is seen. Blood will flow with very little/no aspiration pressure needed if positioned correctly within the targeted **left ventricle.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Partial injection is made, then paused and blood drawn back into the syringe. This **mixes the cells** and prevents possible complications from **clumping**, as well as, confirms placement within the left ventricle has been maintained throughout the injection.

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