



Curtin University Standard Operating Procedure

FEEDING MEDICATIONS TO RODENTS VIA PLASTIC PIPETTE

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Aim/Purpose:

To provide guidelines for oral medicating of research rodents in Building 300 via plastic pipette.

Definitions:

Pipette: A small tube or cylinder that liquid can be drawn into and measured accurately.

Medication: A drug used to treat an illness or condition

Procedure:

1. Ensure the correct dose of medication has been calculated (see SOP TEC 15) and drawn up in the plastic pipette.
2. Firmly grasp hold of the animal as per SOP HUS 01 and SOP HUS 02.
3. Holding the animal upright, gently place the tip of the pipette at the mouth.
4. The animals will open their mouths as the pipette approaches.
5. Gently drop the required amount into the mouth (the amount of medication required must be less than 3 drops worth). The animal should swallow easily.
6. Hold the animal for 3-5 seconds in the upright position.
7. The animal should be returned gently to its cage.

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