

## Procedure Relationships

- 1) In this section of the protocol, you will describe your studies, which consists of multiple procedures. You will provide the reviewers with a clear picture of the sequence and timing of events, and how many and which procedure a single animal will go through.
  - a. The **Procedure Relationships** appears after you add more than one procedure.
- 2) Tables or flow charts may be helpful and can be attached in the **Attachments** section under Protocol Information.

The screenshot shows the 'Procedure Relationships' section of the eProtocol IACUC interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Save | Spell Check | Help | Close' and 'Previous | Next' buttons. The sidebar on the left lists various sections: Personnel Information, Species, Are You Using?, Funding Sources, Protocol Information (with sub-tabs: Rationale, Procedures, Alternative Search, Procedure Relationships, Husbandry, Animal Disposition, Attachments), Certifications, Check For Completeness, Submit Form, Print View, and Event History. The main content area is titled 'Procedure Relationships' and contains the following text:

Please describe the sequence and timing of the manipulations:  
If more than one surgery or procedure will be performed on some or all animals used under this protocol, describe the sequence and timing of these manipulations. Flow charts may be helpful and can be attached to the protocol.

Procedures done on a single animal:  
Please indicate how many and which procedures a single animal will go through. If applicable, please identify the strain/genotype/breed of animals that will be used in each procedure. Charts are highly recommended for clarity.

Multiple Major Survival Surgery Description:  
Describe why it is necessary to perform multiple major surgical procedures on the same animal. Indicate the length of time between surgeries.

Two callout boxes are present:
 

- One box points to the 'Next' button in the top navigation bar, stating: 'Click **Next** to save and go to the next Procedure Details tab.'
- Another box points to the 'Attachments' tab in the sidebar, stating: 'You can **Attach** tables or flow charts to describe **Procedure Relationships**.'

- 3) If you are performing **multiple major survival surgeries** on a single animal, provide scientific justification for why this is necessary and indicate the length of time between surgeries.
- 4) Once you complete the questions, click on **Next** to go to the next Procedure Details Tab.