

## **End-Stage Illness Scoring Example: Intra-abdominal tumor**

**Scenario:** Mice are injected with tumor cells into the appropriate abdominal organ. The lab monitors the mouse weekly and scores according to the End-Stage Illness SOP since the tumors are not visible externally.

- a. Mouse A is mildly hunched and scruffy with a body condition score of 2. He has decreased interaction with his cagemates and his skin tent is prolonged, indicating clinical dehydration.
- b. Mouse B is also hunched, but with his eyes closed and doesn't move even when prodded. His skin tent is prolonged, indicating clinical dehydration, and has a body condition score of 2.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Animal ID</b>	<b>Appearance Score</b>	<b>Physical Exam Score</b>	<b>Behavior Score</b>	<b>BCS</b>	<b>Cumulative Score</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Initials</b>
6/1/17	A	1	2	1	2	6	V	SE
6/1/17	B	3	2	3	2	10	E	SE

### Outcome:

Mouse A is experiencing signs of morbidity. **Veterinary personnel were contacted. A soft diet, diet gel and subcutaneous fluids were implemented. Monitoring was increased to once daily.**

Mouse B is moribund. **Mouse was euthanized immediately.**