GINGIVOSTOMATITIS

Investigating Stem Cell Therapy as a Potential Treatment

Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis (FCGS) is a poorly defined disease characterized by inflammatory lesions, mostly ulcerative or proliferative in nature, that affect the gums and back of the mouth. None of the current treatments are ideal, predictable or devoid of possible complications. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to examine a new form of stem cell therapy to treat non-responsive FCGS.

Procedures

• We will collect blood, urine and fat tissue samples (stem cells will be extracted from the processed fat)

• Two (2) weeks later, we will administer the stem cells intravenously (IV). Treatment needs to be repeated one month after the first stem cell administration.

• Recheck appointments are required initially at 2-week intervals and later, at one (1) month. Blood samples will be collected at these time points.

Criteria to Participate

• Cats must have had full-mouth extraction performed that did not result in a cure from the disease

• Cats cannot have other systemic diseases

Benefits of Participating

• The study covers everything except take home medication (e.g., for pain) if needed

• Potentially improve the quality of life of your cat

• Improving clinical applications for other cats with the same condition and may have implications for human medical disorders

Owner Responsibilities

Owners must bring their cat in to the hospital to collect the fat tissue and all for scheduled appointments.

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