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◆ **Duke University and Duke University Health System agreed to pay \$112.5 million to settle false claims allegations over falsified research, the Department of Justice said March 25.** According to the settlement, the government alleged Duke submitted claims or caused the submission of claims from Jan. 1, 2006, through April 27, 2018, to the National Institutes of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency “that contained falsified or fabricated data or statements in connection with” 30 grants. “Specifically, the United States contends that the results of certain research related to mice conducted by a Duke research technician in its Airway Physiology Laboratory, as well as statements based on those research results, were falsified and/or fabricated, causing the NIH and EPA to pay out grant funds they otherwise would not have.” The false claims case was initiated by a whistleblower. Visit <http://bit.ly/2V2Lvgl>.

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