

Perform and Leverage the Physical Examination for the Health of Your Patients and Practice

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Introduction: *Why this matters to you!*

- Essential for horses' health
- Important for practice recognition and growth
- A “door opener” procedure
- Minimizes professional liability

VCPR:

- Definition
- implications

Equipment:

- Cost: minimal
- Senses: sight, smell, sound, feel
- Thermometer, stethoscope, penlight/flashlight
- Have available: AliveCor, ophthalmoscope, hoof tester and hoof pick

AAEP TOUCH PROGRAM:

Pre-visit:

- Signalment: name, age, color, breed gender
- Intended use
- Chronic condition(s)
- Recent problem(s)
- Current medications
- Hoof status
- Regulatory needs (Coggins test, health certificate, insurance examination, FEI Passport, vaccination certificate)
- Upcoming competition(s): “Do” and “Don’t do”

Visit:

Communicate!

- ASK!
- LISTEN > TALK!
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Record:

- On-site
- Photos – identification (brand, scar, markings), BCS, abnormalities
- Fillable pdf

Report:

- “secured” pdf via email

Wellness PE findings - Werner Equine LLC over 12 months (2014):

WELLNESS PE = 5 minutes

METABOLIC

- PPID
- insulin resistance
- BCS extremes
- equine metabolic syndrome
- PSSM

OCULAR

- nuclear sclerosis
- cataract
- recurrent uveitis
- nasolacrimal duct occlusion

BEHAVIOR

- >>> EGUS
- >>> granulosa cell tumor

CARDIOVASCULAR

- atrial fibrillation
- VSD murmur
- 2 degree AV block (problem at PPE)

RESPIRATORY

- upper respiratory infection
- small airway inflammation

INFECTIOUS

- dermatophilosis
- “scratches”
- dermatophytosis

NEOPLASTIC

- sarcoid
- melanoma
- SCC - ocular & penile
- papilloma – penile & aural
- pulmonary adenocarcinoma (FUO, poor BCS, exercise intolerance)

ORTHOPEDIC

- poor farriery
- angular limb deformities
- laminitis
- DSLD

NEUROLOGIC

- Horner's syndrome
- hindquarters ataxia

MISCELLANEOUS

- pinworm tail rub
- fever of unknown origin
- Culicoides hypersensitivity
- plant photosensitization (St. John's wort)
- umbilical hernia

Resources:

- <https://touch.aaep.org/>
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