

Enteral feeding: time to get it right

Enteral feeding is important in any hospitalised patient and it has been shown in people that the earlier that you start feeding the shorter time that patients spend in hospital. Addressing nutritional needs, although always cited from Kirby's rule of 20, seems to be often last on the list to be addressed. We will discuss when, what and how to feed hospitalised and critical patients, to enable them to leave the hospital faster.

Haemorrhagic diarrhoea syndrome where are we now?

Haemorrhagic diarrhoea syndrome (the disease formally known as haemorrhagic gastroenteritis) is a complex syndrome with currently no obvious pathogen. The clinical signs of the disease can have marked effects on the patient requiring intensive support for a protracted period of time. There is a lot of recent literature about how important the microbiome is in relation to a variety of disease and health states and is HDS just a dysregulation of the microbiome?

10 things to consider managing septic peritonitis

Sepsis has over the last two decades had an overhaul of definitions, though the disease process of sepsis still heavily cited in the veterinary literature is septic peritonitis. New definitions aside we will discuss managing septic peritonitis patients including antibiotics, surgical techniques, albumin, fluids, blood pressure, nutrition, analgesia amongst others to focus on in these challenging patients.

How to avoid mistakes in ICU

Patient safety has grown from a phase to significant factor in a patient's journey going through the hospital. As the techniques and treatments that we use advanced leads to a reduction in patient morbidity and mortality we are still making mistakes. No veterinarian or veterinary nurse goes to work with the intention of causing harm, though unfortunately we all make mistakes, "to err is to human". This session we will discuss what mistakes we make and how we can think about avoiding them. It is not just about check lists, it is about how we close the loop and learn from our mistakes and have solutions that are relevant in the field that we work.