

Lecture & Lab summary

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Abdominal POCUS : Basics in the unstable patient

When encountering a patient with poorly localized abdominal symptoms, the physical examination is of low benefits, as symptoms are mainly non-specific. Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) is changing that since it offers you a direct visualization into what may be happening. Using POCUS to solve abdominal cases will help you precise and shorten your differentials, adapt medical management, and may provide a brief overview of prognostic – without the risk of moving an unstable patients to the Xray or anesthetizing for CT !

Basic POCUS Lab

The “basic” point of care ultrasound (POCUS) lab is specifically designed to offer an introduction to all veterinarians interested in implementing POCUS into their practice. The wetlab will be focused on training proper technique. The different viewpoints for abdominal point of care ultrasound and the normal findings at these locations will be trained on live animals. Similarly, the different techniques regarding pleural and lung ultrasound will be presented, allowing trainees to get familiar with the bat, glide and curtain sign. Finally, a first glance at cardiovascular POCUS will be offered, demonstrating probe position in healthy live animals in search for evidence of pericardial effusion and tamponade, as well as assessing the caudal vena cava for size and size change.