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Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List Large Animal Surgery

The lists below are intended to help you plan your study for the ECVS Certifying Examination. The majority of questions will come from these texts but the lists are not exhaustive, and other important textbooks and current references may be pertinent. Knowledge of basic and applied anatomy is assumed. Candidates may have their own preferred texts for certain areas.

The majority of questions from journals and the Veterinary Clinics of North America will be from articles that have been published in the last **FIVE** years. This five year period will run from 1st January up to the 31st December of the year immediately preceding the February examination. Food Animal questions will come from journals published in the **TEN** years preceding the examination (1st January to 31st December). Questions may also come from older articles considered significant and essential to the knowledge of the veterinary surgeon.

Additionally, prospective candidates are reminded that they will be expected to be able to demonstrate adequate knowledge of surgically related disciplines (e.g. radiology, anaesthesiology, clinical pathology, cardiology etc) as well as associated basic sciences. Candidates should allocate time to specifically study these areas. Candidates are encouraged to develop their own system-based timetable of reading. It is useful to work whenever possible with colleagues who can provide regular opportunities for small group presentations and peer review.

Main Study Books

- A.J. Nixon, **Equine Fracture Repair**, W.B. Saunders 1995
- Auer & Stick. **Equine Surgery, 3rd edition**, W.B. Saunders 2006
- Wolfe D.H., Moll H.D. **Large animal urogenital surgery 2nd edition**. Williams and Wilkins 1998
- McIlwraith C.W. **Diagnostic and surgical arthroscopy in the horse**. Mosby Elsevier 3rd edition 2005
- Ross, M.W. & Dyson, S.J. **Lameness in the horse**, W.B. Saunders, 2003
- Fubini, S.L. & Ducharme N.G., **Farm animal surgery**, W.B. Saunders 2004
- Fischer Jr. A.T., **Equine diagnostic surgical laparoscopy**, W.B. Saunders 2002

Journals

- Veterinary Surgery
- Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
- Equine Veterinary Journal
- American Journal of Veterinary Research
- Equine Veterinary Education
- Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association

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