Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List  
(valid from 2019 exam)  
Large Animal Surgery

A broad reading list does not mean that everything needs to be known in equal detail but allows the questions to be more clinically relevant.

All books and journals are listed in alphabetical order.

**Main Study Textbooks (in alphabetical order)**


Knowledge of basic and applied anatomy (including surgical approaches) and physiology is assumed. Guidance for revision on these topics include the following textbooks:

- **Veterinary Surgery, Small Animal, Volume 1 Chapters 1-19, 41, 46, 49**, Tobias and Johnston, WB Saunders Co., 2012

The following textbooks are a useful source of information to increase the understanding and depth of knowledge of the candidate but would not be considered essential reading. Candidates should use these sources to broaden their understanding of the pathophysiology and management of cases that they see throughout their residency training.


Equine Fracture Repair: Principles and Practice of Equine Sports Medicine, Nixon AJ. Saunders 1995

McIlwraith and Turner’s Equine Surgery: Advanced Techniques McIlwraith, CW; Robertson, JT; A. Simon Turner Wiley-Blackwell 1998


Journals for Large Animal Surgery Candidates

Equine Veterinary Education
Equine Veterinary Journal and Supplements
Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association
Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Veterinary Surgery
The Veterinary Journal

The majority of exam questions will come from the literature published within the last five years. Questions may also come from older articles if they are considered significant and essential to the application of veterinary surgery.

This list of journals is not intended to be a compulsory reading list but candidates should be encouraged to select publications within these journals that apply to investigation, diagnosis and management of surgical conditions.

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