

# **SMALL ANIMAL INTERNAL MEDICINE CONTINUING EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 / 8H OF CE**

Speakers (all LSU faculty):

Madeleine Stein, DVM, MPH  
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Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine

Scientific program (all lectures will be 50 min.):

## **How to Optimize the Use of Antibiotics in Your Patients - Antimicrobial Stewardship in Your Practice Dr. M. Stein**

Key points:

- Applying the AVMA core principles to your practice
- Tips and tricks for client communication surrounding antibiotic use
- How to utilize your nurses in your stewardship efforts

## **Alternatives to Metronidazole in the Management of Dogs and Cats with Diarrhea Dr. A. Buono**

Key points:

- Re-evaluating the need for antimicrobials in dogs and cats with diarrhea
- Evidence-based alternatives to antibiotics (dietary management, biotics, immune-modulatory) and their effectiveness
- Developing an in-house guideline for dogs and cats with diarrhea

## **Update on the Treatment of Feline Hyperthyroidism Dr. P. Lathan**

Key points:

- What treatment modalities are an option for hyperthyroid cats?
- Which treatment option is best for THIS cat?
- What should I expect if I refer a cat for I-131 therapy, and what follow-up is needed?

## **Exciting Developments in the Management of Diabetes Mellitus in Dogs and Cats**

**Dr. P. Lathan**

Key points:

- What's the new class of oral diabetes drug (SGLT2-inhibitors) for cats, and when can I use it?
- How do I monitor SGLT2-i therapy?
- What insulins are we using to treat dogs these days?

## **When Can Interventional Procedures Help Dogs with Tracheal Collapse?**

**Drs. A. Buono and M. Stein**

Key points:

- When to consider interventional procedures vs. medical management
- Understanding tracheal stenting: indications, risks, and complications
- Long-term management and follow-up considerations

## **Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: Is Heartburn More Common in Dogs Than We Thought?**

**Dr. F. Gaschen**

Key points:

- GERD is a common but underrecognized condition in dogs. It is particularly prevalent in brachycephalic breeds. It occurs frequently in anesthetized dogs of all breeds.
- Clinical signs are often subtle, making early diagnosis challenging.
- Treatment involves PPIs, prokinetics, dietary modifications, and in some cases, surgical interventions such as hiatal plication.

## **Updates on the Management of Feline Chronic Kidney Disease**

**Dr. M. Stein**

Key points:

- Updates on kidney diets and when to implement phosphorus restriction
- Novel ways to manage anemia of chronic disease
- Pros and cons of new phosphate binders on the market

## **Chronic Intestinal Diseases in Cats: Updated Approaches to Diagnosis and Treatment**

**Dr. F. Gaschen**

Key points:

- Differentiating between chronic inflammatory enteropathy (CIE) and low-grade intestinal T-cell lymphoma (LGITL) requires mucosal histopathology and advanced diagnostic techniques like immunohistochemistry and clonality testing.
- Outcome and survival are excellent for cats with CIE and good for cats with LGITL. Other forms of intestinal lymphoma carry a more guarded prognosis.
- Inflammatory intestinal lesions may ultimately trigger the onset of lymphoma.