

This program is designed for DVMs and RVTs and offers an in-depth exploration of two important topics in small animal medicine. The first segment focuses on shock wave therapy in canine and feline patients, reviewing the principles of energy generation and delivery, its clinical applications, and the conditions most responsive to treatment. Published research is highlighted to demonstrate the efficacy of shock wave therapy and to guide its practical integration into veterinary practice.

The second segment provides a clinical refresher on feline hyperthyroidism, covering its history, pathophysiology, and current diagnostic strategies, with particular emphasis on thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) in diagnosis and monitoring. Recent advances in thyroid hormone assay techniques are examined, and the impact of iatrogenic hypothyroidism on feline health outcomes is discussed.

Together, these sessions emphasize the importance of evidence-based interventions—whether utilizing advanced therapeutic modalities like shock wave therapy or applying precise diagnostic and monitoring strategies for endocrine disorders—to improve clinical outcomes in small animal patients.