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Health Examinations

Besides a medical history the next most important piece of information regarding a patient's health is a physical examination. Examinations may take many forms and include specific systems or tests, depending on the nature of the problem. Technologies such as radiographs, ultrasound, MRI's, endoscope or blood work may be called upon to help gather information about diagnosis, prognosis and treatment options. The most critical of all is the hands on evaluation of the patient. The clinician uses their eyes, ears, nose and hands; paired with training and experience to further the exam.

The types of examinations commonly performed are.

- General physical annual exam
- Senior/Mature horse exam (horses plus 20 years of age)
- Reproductive examination (pre-breeding/problem breeding)
- Post Foaling Mare exam
- New foal exam
- Insurance examination (required for horses have insurance coverage)
- Travel or Health certificate evaluation
- Prior to purchase/Pre-purchase examination

Each examination will vary from veterinary to veterinary along with owner expectations and limitations. Communication between owner and veterinarian will allow each examination to be designed and tailored for the needs of the patient.