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The list below is recommended by the ECVCP Examination Committee as literature on which the 2023 ECVCP Board Examination questions are based. These recommendations constitute a non-exhaustive list of what a veterinary clinical pathologist should know. Candidates are expected to complete their study by consulting additional appropriate references.

At least 90% of questions will be taken from the Core Reading Material. *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* will be the only journal from which original research articles will be used to generate exam questions. It is expected that a candidate who is thoroughly familiar with the Core Reading Material will pass the exam. A majority of questions will pertain to domestic animals (emphasis on small animals) and non-species-specific information, with fewer questions on laboratory animal and non-domestic species.



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JOURNALS

CORE:

Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Last 4 years: 1 May 2019 – 30 April 2023, print publication. *Estimated 2400 pages*

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Review articles from the last five years of VCP and mainstream veterinary journals such as, but not limited to:

Veterinary Pathology
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
The Veterinary Journal
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
Veterinary and Comparative Oncology

Clinical pathology articles in *Veterinary Clinics of North America* (small animal practice, equine practice, and exotic animal practice)



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TEXTBOOKS

4288 pages (+ supplemental 424 pages)

BIOCHEMISTRY

CORE: 1314 pages

Evans GO (2009). Animal Clinical Chemistry: a practical handbook for toxicologists and biomedical researchers, 2nd ed. CC Press. *306 pages*

Kaneko JJ, Harvey JW, Bruss ML (2008). Clinical Biochemistry of Domestic Animals, 6th ed. Academic Press. *32 pages*

- Chapter 12: Diagnostic enzymology of domestic animals (pp 351-378)
- Chapter 21: Clinical reproductive endocrinology, paragraph II- Assay methods (pp 639-644)

Stockham SL, Scott MA (2008). Fundamentals of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, 2nd ed. Wiley Blackwell. 868 pages

SHARED: Hematology

Thrall MA, Weiser G, Allison RW, Campbell TW (2022). Veterinary Hematology, Clinical Chemistry, and Cytology, 3rd ed. Wiley Blackwell. *40 pages*

- Chapter 35 Clinical Chemistry of Mammals: Laboratory Animals and Miscellaneous Species (pp 589-600)
- Chapter 36 Clinical Chemistry of Birds (pp 601-616)
- Chapter 37 Clinical Chemistry of Reptiles (pp 617-624)
- Chapter 38 Clinical Chemistry of Fish and Amphibians (pp 625-632)

Walton RM, Cowell RL, Valenciano AC (2020). Equine Hematology, Cytology and Clinical Chemistry, 2nd ed. Wiley Blackwell. 68 pages

- Chapter 5: The liver (pp 63-71)
- Chapter 6: The kidney (pp 75-83)
- Chapter 7: Acid-base and electrolyte evaluation (pp 85-92)
- Chapter 8: Proteins (pp 95-100)
- Chapter 9: Laboratory assessment of lipid and glucose metabolism (pp 103-116)
- Chapter 10: Laboratory markers of muscle injury (pp 119-134)
- Chapter 11: Endocrine evaluation (pp 143-155)

SUPPLEMENTAL: 424 pages

Sharkey LC, Radin J (2010). Manual of Veterinary Clinical Chemistry: A Case Study Approach. Teton Newmedia. *424 pages*

This text is suggested as a guide on how to approach and write up case studies



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CYTOLOGY

CORE: 1338 pages

Campbell TW, Grant KR (2022). Exotic Animal Hematology and Cytology, 5th ed. Wiley-Blackwell. *316 pages*

- Section 1: Mammals (pp 83-184)
- Section 2: Avians (pp 279-374)
- Section 3: Herptile (pp 466-528)
- Section 4: Fish (pp 593-647)
- Appendices (pp 648-652) shared with hematology

Raskin RE, Meyer DJ, Boes KM (2022). Canine and Feline Cytology, 4th ed. Elsevier Saunders. *744 pages*

Sharkey LC, Radin MJ, Seelig DM (2020). Veterinary Cytology, 1st ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 278 pages

- Chapter 21: Ocular cytology of the horse (pp 222-241)
- Chapter 26: Respiratory cytology of the horse (pp 302-317)
- Chapter 27: Lymph node (pp 319-341)
- Chapter 49: Cerebrospinal fluid analysis in horses and large animals (pp 655-665)
- Chapter 53: Abdominal and thoracic fluid analysis in horses (pp 713-726)
- Chapter 55: Synovial fluid of the horse (pp 736-744)
- Chapter 56-65: Species-specific chapters (pp 745-936)



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GENERAL PATHOLOGY

CORE: 559 pages

ASVCP quality assurance recommendation guidelines published in *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*. 80 pages

- Control of analytic factors for urinalysis, cytology and chemistry. 9 pages
 - 2012. Vol 41(1):18-27.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1939-165X.2012.00412.x
- Control of analytic factors for hematology, etc. 10 pages
 - 2012. Vol 41(1):8-18.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1939-165X.2012.00413.x
- RI. 13 pages
 - 2012. Vol 41(4):441-453.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/vcp.12006
- POCT. 19 pages
 - 2013.Vol 42(4):405-423.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/vcp.12099
- TEA. 13 pages
 - 2013. Vol 42(4):424-436.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/vcp.12101
- External QA. 16 pages
 - 2015. Vol 44(4):477-493.
 - https://doi.org/10.1111/vcp.12299

Bellamy JEC, Olexson DW (2000). Quality Assurance Handbook for Veterinary Laboratories, 1st ed. Wiley-Blackwell. *101 pages*

Zachary JF (2021). Pathologic Basis of Veterinary Diseases, 7th ed. Elsevier Mosby. 378 pages

- Chapter 1: Mechanisms and Morphology of Cellular Injury, Adaptation, and Death
- Chapter 2: Vascular Disorders and Thrombosis
- Chapter 3: Inflammation and Healing
- Chapter 4: Mechanisms of Microbial Infections
- Chapter 5: Diseases of Immunity
- Chapter 6: Neoplasia and Tumor Biology



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HEMATOLOGY

CORE: 1948 pages

Brooks MB, Harr KE, Seelig DM, Wardrop KJ, Weiss DJ (2022). Schalm's Veterinary Hematology, 7th ed. Wiley-Blackwell. *1352 pages*

Campbell TW, Grant KR (2022). Exotic Animal Hematology and Cytology, 5th ed. Wiley-Blackwell. 246 pages

- Section 1: Mammals (pp 3-67)
- Section 2: Avians (pp 187-260)
- Section 3: Herptile (pp 377-441)
- Section 4: Fish (pp 531-576)
- Appendices (pp 648-685) partially shared with cytology

Harvey JW (2011). Veterinary Hematology: A Diagnostic Guide and Color Atlas, 1st ed. Elsevier Saunders. *350 pages*

Stockham SL, Scott MA (2008). Fundamentals of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, 2nd ed. Wiley Blackwell. 868 pages

SHARED: Biochemistry