VETERINARY SURGERY AND RADIOLOGY Course Structure – at a Glance

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VSR 609	LARGE ANIMAL SOFT TISSUE SURGERY	2+1
VSR 610	ORTHOPAEDIC AND LIMB SURGERY	2+1
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VSR 699	MASTER'S RESEARCH	20
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VSR 702	CLINICAL SURGICAL PRACTICE – II	0+2
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VSR 704	ANAESTHESIA OF WILD AND LABORATORY ANIMALS	1+1
VSR 705	ADVANCES IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY	2+1
VSR 706	ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TECHNIQUES	2+1
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VSR 708	EXPERIMENTAL SURGICAL TECHNIQUES IN ANIMALS	1+1
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VSR 790	SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN SURGERY	0+2
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VETERINARY SURGERY AND RADIOLOGY Course Contents

VSR 601

PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY

2+0

To impart the basic knowledge of principles of surgery.

Theory

Objective

<u>UNIT I</u>

Wound healing, current concepts of inflammation and management, wound infections, antimicrobial therapy, principles of surgical asepsis, sterilization and disinfection.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Systemic effects of surgical stress, haemorrhage and haemostasis, metabolism of the surgical patient, fluid therapy in surgical patients, acidbase balance, shock. Hyperalimentation. Blood transfusion. Host defense mechanism.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Biomaterials, surgical immunity, pre-operative assessment of the surgical patient, post-operative care of the surgical patient. Chemotherapy of tumors.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Operating room emergencies, cardio-pulmonary embarrassment and resuscitation, monitoring of surgical patient.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Principles of laser surgery, cryosurgery, electrosurgery, lithotripsy and endoscopy, physiotherapy, stem cell therapy etc.

Suggested Readings

Fossum TW. (Ed.). 2002. *Small Animal Surgery*. Mosby. Slatter DH. (Ed.). 2002. *Textbook of Small Animal Surgery*. WB Saunders.

VSR 602

CLINICAL PRACTICE - I

0+3

0+3

Objective

To impart practical training in anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging techniques and surgery.

Practical

Client management, public relations, code of conduct, management of surgical affections, designing of surgical hospital, hospital management, database management, attending surgical cases, surgical facilities, equipments, disaster management.

Suggested Readings

Auer JA. (Ed.). 2006. Equine Surgery. WB Saunders.

Fossum TW. (Ed.). 2002. Small Animal Surgery. Mosby.

Fubini SL & Ducharme NG. (Ed.). 2004. Farm Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.

Slatter DH. (Ed.). 2002. Textbook of Small Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.

VSR 603

CLINICAL PRACTICE - II

Objective

To impart practical training in surgery, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging techniques.

Practical

Client management, animal welfare and rehabilitation, public relations, code of conduct, management of surgical affections, designing of surgical hospital, hospital management, database management, attending surgical cases, surgical facilities, equipments and personnel, disaster management.

Suggested Readings

Auer JA. (Ed.). 2006. Equine Surgery. WB Saunders.

Fossum TW. (Ed.). 2002. Small Animal Surgery. Mosby.

Fubini SL & Ducharme NG. (Ed.). 2004. Farm Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.

Slatter DH. (Ed.). 2002. Textbook of Small Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.

VSR 604

SMALL ANIMAL ANAESTHESIA

2+1

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Objective

To impart the basic and practical knowledge of principles of companion animal anaesthesia.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

General considerations for anaesthesia, peri-operative and post-operative pain and its management.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Sedation: analgesia and pre-medication, anaesthetic agents (injectable anaesthetics, dissociative anaesthetics, inhalation anaesthetics), muscle relaxants, neuromuscular blocking agents and local analgesia.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Anaesthetic techniques, anaesthetic equipments, artificial ventilation. UNIT IV

Anaesthesia of small animals, pediatric and geriatric patients, birds. UNIT V

Monitoring of anaesthesia, anaesthetic emergencies, complications and their management, euthanasia.

Practical

Anaesthetic equipments and instrumentation, artificial ventilation, use of various preanaesthetic and anaesthetic agents in small animals, anaesthetic triad, balanced anaesthesia, total intravenous anaesthesia.

Suggested Readings

- Hall LW & Clarke KW. (Eds.). 1991. Veterinary Anaesthesia. Bailliere Tindall.
- Paddleford RR. (Ed.). 1999. *Manual of Small Animal Anesthesia*. 2nd Ed. WB Saunders.
- Thurmon JC, Tranquilli WJ & Benson JG. (Eds.). 1996. Lumb and Jone's Veterinary Anaesthesia. Williams & Wilkins.
- Thurmon JC, Tranquilli WJ & Benson JG. (Eds.). 1999. *Essentials of Small Animal Anesthesia and Analgesia*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

VSR 605

LARGE ANIMAL ANAESTHESIA

Objective

To impart the basic and practical knowledge of principles of farm animal anaesthesia and mechanism of pain.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

General considerations for anaesthesia, peri-operative pain, and post-operative pain and its management.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Pre-anaesthetic and anaesthetic adjuncts, injectable anaesthetics, dissociative anaesthetics, inhalation anaesthetics.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Local anaesthetics, neuromuscular blocking agents.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Anaesthetic techniques, anaesthetic machines, breathing systems, artificial ventilation.

UNIT V

Monitoring of anaesthesia, anaesthetic emergencies and complications, anaesthesia of pediatric and geriatric patients, euthanasia.

Practical

Anaesthetic equipments and instrumentation, artificial ventilation, use of various preanaesthetic and anaesthetic agents in large animals, anaesthetic triad, balanced anaesthesia, total intravenous anaesthesia.

Suggested Readings

Hall LW & Clarke KW. (Eds.). 1991. Veterinary Anaesthesia. Bailliere Tindall.

Muir WW & John AE. (Eds.). 1991. Equine Anesthesia. Mosby.

Thurmon JC, Tranquilli WJ & Benson JG. (Eds.). 1996. Lumb and Jone's Veterinary Anaesthesia. Williams & Wilkins.

VSR 606 DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TECHNIQUES 2+1 Objective

Objective

To impart the basic and practical knowledge of principles of diagnostic imaging techniques and interpretation of radiographs, ultrasonograph/CT/MRI and other imaging techniques.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Conventional and digital X-ray machine, quality of radiation, formation of radiograph technique chart, artifacts and their prevention, special diagnostic radiographic procedures, radiographic quality, radiographic accessories, differentiation of radiographic densities in relation to clinical diagnosis.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Principles of radiographic interpretation, plain and contrast radiographic techniques of small and large animals, image intensification.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Principles of radiation therapy, medical radioisotope curves, radiation laws and regulations.

UNIT IV

Principles of ultrasound, basic physics, transducers, equipment controls, display models, terminology of echotexture and artifacts, application of ultrasound in small and large animals.

UNIT V

Doppler techniques echocardiography and its application, introduction to MRI, CT scan, nuclear medicine, xeroradiography, positron emission tomography technique and other imaging techniques.

<u>UNIT VI</u>

Electromagnetic radiations, hazards of electromagnetic radiations and protection and bio-safety.

Practical

Acquaintance with imaging equipments, dark room processing techniques and X-ray film handling, formulation of technique chart with fixed kVp and variable mAs, basics of radiographic interpretation of diseases, computer aided image acquisition and retrieval, radiographic positioning of different regions in domestic animals, angiography, cardiac catheterization and other contrast radiographic techniques of different types, interpretation of ultrasonographs, MRI, CT scans etc.

Suggested Readings

Bargai U, Bharr, JW & Morgan JP. (Eds.). 1989. *Bovine Radiology*. Iowa State University Press, Ames.

- Bushong SC. (Ed.). 1975. Radiologic Science for Technologists. CV Mosby.
- Gillette EL, Thrall DE & Lebel JL. (Eds.). 1977. Carlson's Veterinary Radiology. Lea & Febiger.

Goddard PJ. (Ed.). 1995. Veterinary Ultrasonography. CABI.

Kealy JK. (Ed.). 1987. *Diagnostic Radiology and Ultrasonography in Dogs* and Cats. 2nd Ed. Saunders, Philadelphia.

Morgan JP. (Ed.). 1972. Radiology in Veterinary Orthopaedics. Lea & Febiger.

Singh AP & Singh J. (Eds.). 1994. Veterinary Radiology. CBS.

Thrall DE. (Ed.). 2007. *Textbook of Veterinary Diagnostic Radiology*. 5th Ed. Saunders, Philadelphia.

VSR 607 VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY AND DENTISTRY 1+1

Objective

To impart the basic and practical knowledge of diagnosis and treatment of diseases of eye and teeth in domestic animals.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

General Anatomical and physiological considerations for ophthalmic surgery.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Ophthalmic examination and diagnosis, local anaesthesia of eye, ocular therapeutics, diagnostic instruments.

<u>UNIT III</u>

General consideration for eye surgery, diseases and surgery of eye lids, lacrimal apparatus, naso-lacrimal duct.

UNIT IV

Diseases of conjuctiva, cornea, sclera, iris, orbit, lens, vitreous and aqueous humor, retina and optic nerve.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Ocular manifestation of systemic diseases.

<u>UNIT VI</u>

Anatomy of teeth, examination of teeth. Diseases of teeth- congenital anomalies (retained deciduous teeth, impacted teeth, abnormalities in the shape of teeth). Diseases of teeth- acquired diseases (dental caries, fracture of teeth, endodontic disease, dental materials and dental radiography). Restorative dentistry, periodontal disease, tooth extraction, gum diseases. Current techniques in dentistry.

Practical

Ophthalmic instrumentation, examination of the eye and its adnexa, preparation of patient for eye anaesthesia and surgery, canthotomy, tarsorrhaphy, transplantation of cornea, keratoplasty, anterior chamber paracentasis, flushing of naso-lacrimal duct, iridectomy, lens extraction/implantation. Dentistry instrumentation, dental radiography, teeth cleaning, tooth extraction.

Suggested Readings

Gelatt KN. (Ed.). 1981. Veterinary Ophthalmology. Lea & Febiger.

- Gelatt KN. (Ed.). 2007. Atlas of Veterinary Ophthalmology. 4th Ed. Blackwell Publ.
- Gelatt KN. (Ed.). 2000. Essentials of Veterinary Ophthalmology. Blackwell.
- Lavach JD. (Ed.). 1990. Large Animal Ophthalmology. CV Mosby.
- Oehme FW & Prier JE. (Eds.). 1974. *Textbook of Large Animal Surgery*. Williams & Wilkins.
- Slatter DH. (Ed.). 1981. Fundamentals of Veterinary Ophthalmology. WB Saunders.

Tyagi RPS & Singh J. (Eds.). 1993. Ruminant Surgery. CBS.

VSR 608

SMALL ANIMAL SOFT TISSUE SURGERY2+1

Objective

To familiarize with various surgical affections of different body systems and their treatment in small animals.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Skin and adnexa- the integument, management of skin wounds, principles of plastic and reconstructive surgery, pedicle grafts, skin grafts, burns, electrical chemical and cold injuries.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Surgical approaches/ affections of ear, oral cavity and pharynx, abdomen, thorax, the salivary glands, oesophagus, stomach, intestines, rectum and anus, liver and biliary system, pancreas.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Hernias- abdominal hernia, diaphragmatic hernia, perineal hernia, inguinal, scrotal, and umbilical hernia etc. Surgical approaches to thoracic wall, Pleura.

UNIT IV

Respiratory system- functional anatomy, diseases of upper respiratory system and lower respiratory system.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Surgical anatomy of the cardiovascular system, cardiovascular physiology, diagnostic methods, cardiac disorders, principles of vascular surgery, basic cardiac procedures, hypothermia, basic peripheral vascular procedures, peripheral vascular disorders, portacaval shunts and anomalies. Haemolymphatic system, bone marrow, spleen, tonsils, lymph nodes and lymphatics, thymus.

<u>UNIT VI</u>

Male reproductive system- anatomy of the male genital organs, diagnostic and biopsy techniques, surgical affections of male genital organs; female reproductive system- anatomy, diagnostic techniques, surgical affections of female genital organs.

<u>UNIT VII</u>

Urinary system- anatomy of the urinary tract, principles of urinary tract surgery, kidneys, ureters, surgery of the bladder, surgical diseases of the urethra, medical dissolution and prevention of canine uroliths, feline urologic syndrome.

UNIT VIII

Endocrine system- pituitary, adrenals, thyroid, parathyroid, surgical affections of mammary glands and tail. Surgical affections of nervous system, special sense organs.

Practical

Practice of various surgical techniques of skin and adnexa, alimentary system, hernias, respiratory system, cardiovascular system, male and female reproductive systems, urinary system, mammary glands and tail.

Suggested Readings

Fossum TW. (Ed.). 2002. *Small Animal Surgery*. Mosby. Slatter DH. (Ed.). 2002. *Textbook of Small Animal Surgery*. WB Saunders.

VSR 609 LARGE ANIMAL SOFT TISSUE SURGERY 2+1

Objective

To familiarize with various surgical affections of different body systems and their treatment in large animals.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Abdominal wall, integumentary system - skin and appendages; mammary gland, tail, affections of oral cavity.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Surgical affections of respiratory system, cardiovascular and lymphatic system.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Surgical affections of digestive system, urinary and genital system. UNIT IV

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Surgical affections of nervous system, special sense organs.

Practical

Practice of various surgical techniques of skin, alimentary system, hernias, respiratory system, cardiovascular system, male and female reproductive system, urinary system, mammary glands and tail. Surgical affections of nervous system, special sense organs.

Suggested Readings

Auer JA. (Ed.). 2006. Equine Surgery. WB Saunders.

- Fubini SL & Ducharme NG. (Eds.). 2004. Farm Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.
- Oehme FW & Prier JE. (Ed.). 1994. *Textbook of Large Animal Surgery*. Williams & Wilkins.

Tyagi RPS & Singh J. (Eds.). 1993. Ruminant Surgery. CBS.

VSR 610 ORTHOPAEDICS AND LIMB SURGERY 2+1

Objective

To familiarize with various affections of bones, joints, tendons, ligaments and foot as well as their treatment in animals.

Theory

UNIT I

Fractures and dislocations, fracture healing, ligaments and tendons - repair techniques.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Treatment of fractures of different bones in domestic animals, bone diseases.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Various affections of the joints, their diagnosis and treatment.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Conformation of the limb, anatomy of hoof.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Lameness and allied surgical conditions of fore limbs/hind limbs, rehabilitation of orthopaedic patient.

Practical

Internal and external fixation of fractures and dislocation, arthrotomy, tenotomy, examination of limbs for lameness, nerve blocks, injections in joints, operations for arthritis, hoof surgery and corrective shoeing, physiotherapy. Instrumentation, neurological examination, imaging the spine; skull and brain, surgical approach to the cervical spine; thoracolumbar spine and brain.

Suggested Readings

Auer JA. (Ed.). 2006. Equine Surgery. WB Saunders.

- Fubini SL & Ducharme NG. (Eds.). 2004. Farm Animal Surgery. WB Saunders.
- Newton CD & Nunamaber DM. (Eds.). 1985. *Textbook of Small Animal Orthopaedics*. JB Lippincott.
- Oehme FW & Prier JE. (Eds.). 1974. *Textbook of Large Animal Surgery*. Williams & Wilkins.

Tyagi RPS & Singh J. (Eds.). 1993. Ruminant Surgery. CBS.

VSR 701

CLINICAL SURGICAL PRACTICE - I

Objective

To impart practical training in surgery, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging techniques.

0+3

Practical

Client management, public relations, code of conduct, management of surgical affections, designing of surgical hospital, hospital management, database management, attending surgical cases, surgical facilities, equipments and personnel.

VSR 702

CLINICAL SURGICAL PRACTICE - II 0+3

Objective

To impart practical training in surgery, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging techniques.

Practical

Client management, public relations, code of conduct, management of surgical affections, designing of surgical hospital, hospital management, database management, attending surgical cases, surgical facilities, equipments and personnel..

VSR 703 CLINICAL SURGICAL PRACTICE - III 0+3

Objective

To impart practical training in surgery, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging techniques.

Practical

Client management, public relations, code of conduct, management of surgical affections, designing of surgical hospital, hospital management, database management, attending surgical cases, surgical facilities, equipments and personnel..

VSR 704 ANAESTHESIA OF WILD AND LABORATORY ANIMALS 1+1

Objective

To impart the basic and practical knowledge of chemical immobilization, sedation and anaesthesia of laboratory animals, captive and free ranging wild animals.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

General considerations in chemical restraint of captive and free ranging wild animals.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Methods of administration of anaesthesia in captive, free ranging animals and laboratory animals.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Local and general anaesthesia in exotic species, wild animals, zoo animals and laboratory animals.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Anaesthetic emergencies and complications.

Practical

Familiarization with capture equipments, local anaesthetic techniques, use of various preanaesthetic and anaesthetic agents in laboratory animals, monitoring of patient during general anaesthesia.

Suggested Readings

Selected articles from journals.

VSR 705

ADVANCES IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY

2+1

Objective

To impart the advanced knowledge of animal anaesthesia.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Considerations for general anaesthesia, drug interactions in anaesthesia, perioperative pain and distress, effects of anaesthetics on CNS function. UNIT II

Pharmacology of preanaesthetics and anaesthetic adjuncts; injectable anaesthetics; dissociative anaesthetics; inhalation anaesthetics; local anaesthetics; muscle relaxants and neuromuscular blocking agents.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Anaesthetic machines and breathing system, airway management and ventilation, acid-base physiology and fluid therapy during anaesthesia, monitoring of anaesthetized patients, anaesthetic emergencies and accidents.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Anaesthesia for selected diseases (cardiovascular dysfunction, pulmonary dysfunction, neurologic diseases, renal diseases, hepatic diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, endocrine diseases, airway diseases).

<u>UNIT V</u>

Anaesthesia for special patients (ocular patients, heart patients, caesarian section patients, trauma patients, neonatal and geriatric patients), euthanasia.

Practical

Various procedures for catheterization of heart and great vessels, haemodynamic changes and pulmonary function tests during trials of anaesthetics, electrocardiographic, encephalographic evaluation of central nervous system activity, cybernetics, data acquisition and retrieval.

Suggested Readings

Selected articles from journals.

VSR 706

ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TECHNIQUES 2+1

Objective

To impart the advanced theoretical and practical knowledge of diagnostic imaging techniques and their interpretations.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Biological effects of radiations (alpha, beta, X-ray and gamma rays) *in vivo* and *in vitro* cellular response following radiation as an immunosuppressive agent.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Isotopes (natural and man-made); cyclotron reactor, half-life, decay pattern, storage and handling of radioactive material, fluoroscopy, magnetic resonance imaging and computerised axial tomography, xeroradiography, doppler techniques, indications for ultrasound diagnosis.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Methods in the detection of isotopes, Geiger-Mullar tubes, photo-multiplier tube, medical use of isotope, dosimetry, nuclear medicine and its use in diagnosis of thyroid, kidney, bone and liver function studies.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Labelling of isotope and biological uses, detonation and fission products.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Radiation therapy in cancer patients, biological effects of radiation physics, physics of radiation.

<u>UNIT VI</u>

Doppler techniques echocardiography and its application, MRI, CT scan, nuclear medicine, xeroradiography, positron emission tomography technique etc.

UNIT VII

Electromagnetic radiations, hazards of electromagnetic radiations and protection and bio-safety.

Practical

Radiation safety measures, handling radioactive material, measurement of thyroid function and cardiac output, demonstration of advanced radiological techniques.

Suggested Readings

Selected articles from journals.

VSR 707

NEUROSURGERY

2+1

Objective

To impart theoretical and practical knowledge of treatment of surgical affections of nervous system in animals.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

Nervous system- anatomy and physiology.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Clinical neurology, pathogenesis of disease of the central nervous system. UNIT III

Diagnostic methods- electrodiagnostic methods, neuroradiology.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Fundamentals of neurosurgery, surgical approaches to brain, surgical diseases of peripheral nerves, surgical approaches to the spine, diseases of the spinal column, intervertebral disc diseases.

<u>UNIT V</u>

Intracranial surgery.

Practical

Instrumentation, neurological examination, imaging the spine; skull and brain, surgical approach to the cervical spine; thoracolumbar spine and brain.

Suggested Readings

Selected articles from journals.

VSR 708

EXPERIMENTAL SURGICAL TECHNIQUES IN 1+1 ANIMALS

Objective

To familiarize with designing of experiments and various surgical models for research.

Theory

<u>UNIT I</u>

General considerations and protocols for designing experiments.

<u>UNIT II</u>

Surgical models of various systems. Care and feeding of genobiotic experimental animals.

<u>UNIT III</u>

Rumen and intestinal fistulae, production of experimental peritonitis and ascitis, nephrectomy, adrenalectomy.

<u>UNIT IV</u>

Cannulation of various blood vessels and lymphatics, portacaval shunt. UNIT V

Principles of transplantation of organs and use of prosthetic material.

<u>UNIT VI</u>

Tissue engineering-in vitro, in vivo, ex vivo techniques, regenerative therapy.

Practical

Various experimental surgical techniques and special problems related to veterinary surgery, radiology and anaesthesiology, transplantation of skin, fascia, tendon and blood vessels.

Suggested Readings

Selected articles from journals.

VSR 789 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN ANAESTHESIA 0+2

Objective

To impart practical exposure to experimental models related to anaesthesia for research.

Practical

Investigative anaesthetic problems in clinical or experimental models. Didactic and interpersonnel learning-teaching, problem solving self-learning strategies in problems related to anaesthesia.

VSR 790 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN SURGERY 0+2

Objective

To impart practical exposure to experimental models related to surgery for research.

Practical

Investigative surgical problems in clinical or experimental models. Didactic and interpersonnel learning-teaching, problem solving self-learning strategies in problems related to surgery.