The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is pleased to announce its second series of webconferences on feline internal medicine, featuring two-way audio and video interaction. Feline internal medicine monthly grand rounds are particularly suited to veterinarians who enjoy in-depth participatory continuing education centered on case discussions in the comfort and convenience of their homes.

Each two-hour conference on Tuesday evenings will be focused on an in-depth discussion of patients with important clinical problems in feline internal medicine. In preparation for each webconference, participants will review selected journal articles or book chapters downloaded from the university’s Medical Sciences Library and case study materials distributed by the conference facilitator. New case studies have been chosen for each of the webconferences in 2010. The grand rounds series is learner-centered, and participants will be strongly encouraged to share their opinions and recommendations, including their own practice experiences with similar patients. One-minute lectures and take-home messages will be integrated into the structured case discussions to ensure that important concepts are understood. Guest presenters will join selected webconferences to provide unique expertise and different viewpoints.

The Saba Centra webconferencing system allows clear voice, webcam, and text communication with the facilitator and among participants. In addition, the software allows real-time sharing of PowerPoint presentations, clinical images, and documents. Participants will be provided with headset-microphones to facilitate discussion. Saba Centra also offers participant surveys with instant on-screen feedback ensuring that key discussion points are being understood. Attention to learning outcomes will be an important priority of this novel approach to continuing education.

Participants will register for the complete series of six conferences, and class size will be limited to 35 registrants to encourage maximal interaction and engagement throughout the six-month course. Attendees must have reliable broadband internet access to take full advantage of the scope of educational opportunities that will be offered.

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This seminar series was very helpful, practical and relevant. Presented in a very logical, case-based format and has allowed me multiple times to take this information into daily practice already.

I do not have great computer skills, but had absolutely no difficulty participating in this online seminar. I am looking forward to participating in another one.

I found it very convenient not to have to travel and be away from the clinic for several days at a time. With the additional reading materials to study prior to the meetings, it really provided more information and learning opportunities than a straight lecture at a conference.

I really enjoyed the access to A&M without the travel. I think I acquired new knowledge, also reminded me to use the GI Lab. This has helped with one new case just since the session concluded.

I thought the case based study was definitely interesting. It allowed us to develop our ideas and then listen to other practitioners discuss theirs. I also enjoyed access to the library.

This course was particularly helpful in reminding me how to work up a case in a systematic and logical way. It improved my case management skills by having to work up a case with limited information to begin with and then to adjust my diagnosis and treatment as the class progressed.
Registration fee is $500.00 for the entire series and must be paid by June 1, 2010. The series will be limited to 35 participants. Participants will be provided with headset system to be used during the series.

For your convenience, 24 hour, 7-days-a-week fax registration service is available, in addition to registration by telephone and mail. You will receive a registration confirmation letter. Mailed registrations must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2010.

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If cancellation is made on or before 5:00 p.m. June 1, 2010, a refund of 80 percent of the registration fee will be given. We are unable to refund fees for non-participation or if your cancellation is received after that date.

Conferences will be conducted from 7:00-9:00 pm CT on the following dates

Tuesday, July 13, 2010
  Mucous membrane pallor

Tuesday, August 17, 2010
  Icterus

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
  Chronic sneezing

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
  Chronic vomiting and diarrhea

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
  Polydipsia and polyuria

Tuesday, December 14, 2010
  Pollakiuria and hematuria

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