# 2025 MVMA Spring CE Conference & Annual Meeting



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UROLOGY AND NEPHROLOGY Simon Platt DVM, BVM&S, MRCVS, DACVIM (Neurology), DECVN

> NEUROLOGY MADE EASY

Søren Boysen DVM, DACVECC

VETERINARY POCUS

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center 1657 Worcester Road Framingham, MA 01701

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **7:30AM** Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30AM Programs begin Track 1 - Urology and Nephrology with Dr. Labato

Track 2 - Neurology Made Easy with Dr. Platt

Track 3 - Veterinary POCUS with Dr. Boysen

- 10:00AM Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break
- **10:30AM** Programs resume
- 12:00PM Luncheon & MVMA Annual Meeting
- **1:30PM** Programs resume
- **3:00PM** Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break
- **3:30PM** Programs resume
- **5:00PM** Programs conclude



#### TRACK 1

#### Urology and Nephrology (6 CE) Mary Labato, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)

#### Leptospirosis and AKI - A Consensus Statement Update

This lecture will provide a brief review of the pathophysiology of acute kidney injury. The focus of this presentation will be one of the leading causes of AKI in New Englandc- Leptospirosis. Attendees will review the etiopathogenesis of Leptospirosis, the diagnostic tests that are available and treatment options, including updates from the most recent ACVIM consensus guidelines.

#### Extracorporeal Therapies 101: What You Need to Know and How To Refer a Case

This presentation will review for audience members unfamiliar with extracorporeal therapy the basic definitions and concepts. The difference between hemodialysis and other types of extracorporeal therapies available. The presentation will also provide guidelines as to what types of cases would benefit from extracorporeal therapies and when and where to refer a case for treatment. **Unraveling Urinary Biomarkers: Isn't BUN and Creatinine Enough?** 

This lecture will review what a is a biomarker. What are the sites of origin for biomarkers of urinary track function. Importantly, which biomarkers are commercially available and what they tell us and should we be using them will be discussed. You decide if they are right for your practice.

#### Management of CKD In Dogs and Cats - What's New Out There?

Chronic Kidney Disease is a common problem in both dogs and cats, accounting for 1-3% of all cats and 0.5 to 1.5% of all dogs. Updates to the IRIS Guidelines for management of CKD will be reviewed. There are a number of new management options which may help with long term management and these will be highlighted.

#### TRACK 2

## Neurology Made Easy - A Step-by-Step Approach to Common Neurological Presentations (6 CE)

#### Simon Platt, DVM, BVM&S, MRCVS, DACVIM (Neurology), DECVN

In this series of 6 presentations, we will use video footage to address (i) How to do a neurological exam in 5 minutes, (ii) The acute head tilt patient (iii) Brain on fire - CNS inflammatory disease (iv) Seizures in dogs and cats - Pt 1 (v) Seizures in dogs and cats - Pt 2 (vi) Disc disease - what the latest with steroids and rest? In these sessions we address practical investigation, and treatment options for common neurological challenges, using spectrum of care approaches in dogs and cats. We will address how advanced testing may or may not help in specific cases, understanding prognosis, treating for the treatable and what to consider when it all goes wrong.

#### TRACK 3

#### Veterinary POCUS: Enhancing Diagnostic Confidence through Visualization (6 CE) Søren Boysen, DVM, DACVECC

"When something is visualized, the truth of its occurrence or existence can no longer be doubted - Seeing is Believing"! This is particularly true with point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), which markedly increases practitioner confidence by directing stabilization, therapy and further diagnostics! These sessions will cover the application of abdominal, cardiovascular, pleural space and lung POCUS and how POCUS can be used to direct clinical decision making, therapy, and further diagnostics in emergency patients.



#### Mary Labato, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)

Mary Labato, D.V.M., DACVIM, joined Tufts University in 1987 and is the associate chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences. A boardcertified veterinary internist at the Foster Hospital for Small Animals, she specializes in kidney and bladder disorders, with a focus on acute kidney injury, dialysis, and regenerative medicine.

Dr. Labato, a graduate of Tufts' inaugural veterinary class in 1983, lectures on nephrology and urology and teaches fourth-year students during clinical rotations. She is president-elect of the American Board of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology and a founding member of the American College of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology.

## Simon Platt, DVM, BVM&S, MRCVS, DACVIM (Neurology), DECVN

Dr. Simon Platt qualified from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1992. Dr. Platt was a professor of neurology and neurosurgery at the University of Georgia until 2022 and now co-leads the teleneurology team at VetOracle as well as being the Medical Director for Hallmarq Advanced Veterinary Imaging. Dr. Platt has authored or co-authored over 200 journal articles and 50 book chapters, is the co-editor of the BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Neurology and the Manual of Small Animal Neurological Emergencies. Currently, Simon also serves as Editor in Chief of the NAVC journal Today's Veterinary Practice. Dr. Platt was made a fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2018 for meritorious contributions to the veterinary profession.



#### Søren Boysen, DVM, DACVECC

Søren earned his DVM from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) in Canada, followed by an internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) and a residency in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care at Tufts University, becoming an ACVECC Diplomate in 2003. As the former ECC chief at the University of Montreal (2003– 2008), he advanced ECC in Quebec. In 2009, he joined the University of Calgary, where he is now a Full Professor, helping shape the curriculum of its Veterinary Medicine college.

An internationally recognized educator and recipient of numerous teaching and research awards, Søren co-developed the small animal FAST exam in 1999 and has since pioneered POCUS techniques and workshops globally. A founding member of the VECCUS working group, he continues to promote veterinary ECC and POCUS through research, publications, and committee work. His interests include veterinary education, simulation, hemorrhage, coagulation, resuscitation, and perfusion.

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Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center - May 4

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Select one 6 CE track to attend:    Track 1 : Urology and Nephrology (Mary Labato, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)    Track 2: Neurology Made Easy (Simon Platt, DVM, BVM&S, MRCVS, DACVIM (Neurology), DECVN)    Track 3: Veterinary POCUS (Søren Boysen, DVM, DACVECC)			
All presentation handouts will be distributed via email before the event for the session you are attending.			
Lunch Preference:  Caprese chicken  Pan seared salmon  Acorn squash with quinoa  No meal and veggies    Dietary restrictions:			
	Early Bird Ends March 3	Regular Registration Ends April 14	Late Registration
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