

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
LARGE ANIMAL TEACHING

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| SOP No: | ATT 014 |
| SUBJECT: | Vaginal Examination of Cattle |
| POLICY: | This procedure may only be performed by or under the supervision of operators skilled in the technique |
| PRECAUTIONS: | Proper restraining facilities limiting animal movement are required to ensure operator's safety and speediness of the procedure |
| EQUIPMENT: | Tubular vaginal speculum (glass, PVC or cardboard) or Duckbill speculum Flashlight Bucket Chlorhexidine Paper towel Obstetric Lubricant |
| PROCEDURE: | <p>A tubular vaginal speculum (glass, PVC, cardboard) or a duckbill speculum may be used. The vulva is gently washed with water and mild soap and the speculum is lubricated and inserted over the pelvis into the vagina. A flashlight is used to visualize the cranial part of the vagina.</p> <p>Locate the cervix and look around the vagina; be aware of the normal cyclic changes and look for discharge, urine pooling, adhesions, tears, RFM, inflammation and abscesses.</p> <p>You may also perform a manual vaginal exam. Insert your cleaned and gloved hand into the vagina, this will allow you to palpate the structures (cervix opening, adhesions, and vaginal or cervical tears).</p> |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | Cleanliness is extremely important as a measure to minimise the risk of transferring pathogens into the internal reproductive organs. |
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REFERENCES

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