



AO VET NA Advanced Course—Management of Equine Articular Fractures, Subchondral Bone Cysts and Fetlock Breakdown Injuries



September 15, 2025 - September 17, 2025
Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

The **AO VET NA Advanced Course - Management of Equine Articular Fractures, Subchondral Bone Cysts and Fetlock Breakdown Injuries** will provide clinical insight and hands-on experience treating intra-articular fractures and using implants to manage subchondral cystic lesions as well as performing a fetlock arthrodesis for comminuted P1 fractures and breakdown injuries using the distal femoral plate (DFP).

Cadaveric labs will emphasize arthroscopic approaches to needle placement and intraoperative imaging to guide proper implant placement for fracture repair and cyst treatment. Cadaveric specimen labs, in addition to dry bone labs on the last day, will also be used to demonstrate and practice proper application of the DFP and a tension band using wire (dry bones) and orthopedic cables (cadavers).

The new 'blended' course format includes **REQUIRED** online coursework and learning materials provided prior to the face-to-face event which are **MANDATORY** for completion and attendance at the course.

NOTE: In addition to the in-person course event, September 15 - 17, 2025, in Fort Collins, CO, there will be **two (2) mandatory live ZOOM pre-course online sessions** with additional lectures (information to be sent closer to the time of the sessions):

- September 2, 2025: 8:00 pm EST (Dr. Chris Kawcak Moderator)
- September 9, 2025: 8:00 pm EST (Dr. Laurie Goodrich Moderator)

Recordings of each session will be available in AO NA's Learning Management System (LMS) for those who cannot attend the live session.

*** DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 1st - COURSE WILL BE CLOSED TO REGISTRATIONS AFTER THIS DATE**

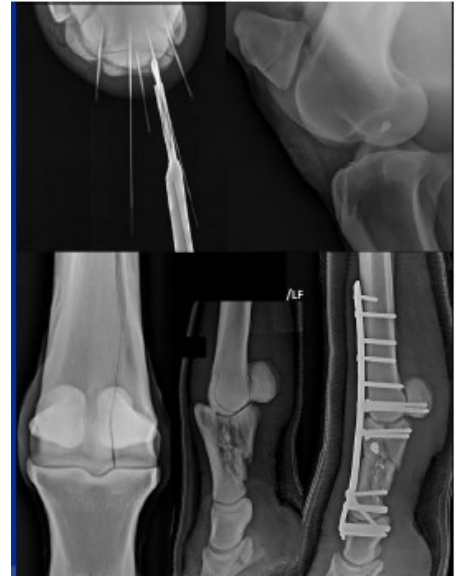
Target Audience

This course is designed for practicing surgeons.

The **AO VET NA Blended Course - Principles of Equine Fracture Management** is a prerequisite for this course as knowledge of basic surgical instrumentation will be assumed.

**** Please Note this course will be THREE FULL DAYS.**

Registered participants should plan for 3 - 4 hotel nights (Sunday - Wednesday)



Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Veterinary
Pricing Tier: Resident
Tuition: \$2,100.00

Level Name: Participant - Veterinary
Pricing Tier: Attending
Tuition: \$2,625.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

- Equine Principles of Fracture Management

Venue:

[The Elizabeth Hotel](#)
111 Chestnut Street
Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
Phone Number: (970) 490 -2600
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ftcak-the-elizabeth-hotel-autograph-collection/overview/>

[Translational Medicine Institute / Colorado State University](#)
2350 Gillette Dr
Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
Phone Number: 970-491-8645
<https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/tmi/>

Language(s):

English

Directly Provided by:**Professional Level****Prerequisite(s):**

No Prerequisites

CME

Continuing Education Credit: 28.00

- AO North America is a Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) Provider (Number 50-26631).

Designation Statement

This program was reviewed and approved by the AAVSB RACE program for 28.00 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval. Please contact the AAVSB RACE program if you have any comments/concerns regarding this program's validity or relevancy to the veterinary profession.

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) mission of AO North America (AONA®) is to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary needs based education to surgeons, fellows, and residents in the specialties of orthopedic, hand, craniomaxillofacial, spine, neurosurgery, and veterinary surgery in the areas of trauma (i.e., operative reduction and fixation), degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstruction.

Expected results of AONA's CME activities for surgeons, fellows, and residents are to:

- Increase their knowledge base and surgical skill level
- Improve competence by applying advances of knowledge in patient care in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of aspects of traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disorders (i.e., pre-operative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Identify cases that will respond best to arthroscopically guided fracture repair
- Select best approaches for implants based on pre and intraoperative imaging guidance
- Apply a combination of imaging and arthroscopic visualization to best guide implant placement
- Learn how to perform fetlock arthrodesis using the DFP for comminuted P1 fractures as well as fetlock breakdown injuries

Faculty



Kawcak, Chris - Chairperson

DVM, PhD, DACVS, DACVSMR
Professor of Surgery
Translational Medicine Institute
Orthopedic Research Center
Department of Clinical Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Kawcak is a professor of surgery and a principle investigator in the Orthopaedic Research Center and Equine Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Colorado State University. His clinical practice centers on diagnosis and treatment of performance-limiting orthopedic injuries in horses, and his research focuses on diagnosis and treatment of fatigue injuries in equine athletes.



Goodrich, Laurie - Co-Chairperson

DVM, MS, PhD, DACVS
Professor of Equine Surgery
Barbara Cox University Chair in Orthopaedics
Director, Orthopaedic Research Center
Translational Medicine Institute
Department of Clinical Sciences
Colorado State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Laurie Goodrich is the Director of the Orthopaedic Research Center at Colorado State University's C. Wayne McIlwraith Translational Medicine Institute and holds the Barbara Cox University Chair in Orthopaedics. She is an equine surgeon specializing in orthopedic surgery and lameness with a focus on musculoskeletal injuries and trauma. She is an American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) Founding Fellow in Minimally Invasive Surgery, Large Animal Orthopedics. She received her DVM from the University of Illinois, completed an internship at Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and an equine surgical residency at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Northern Virginia. During that time, she also completed a Master of Science in Pharmacology at Virginia Tech. She joined the faculty at Cornell University as an Equine Surgeon in 1996 and also completed a PhD in cartilage repair in 2005 while at Cornell. She then began at CSU in 2005 as an Assistant Professor of Equine Surgery and is currently a Professor of Surgery and a principle investigator in the Orthopedic Research Center. She is a translational scientist whose research focuses on regenerative medicine, gene therapies and biologics to improve joint and bone repair in both animals and people. She has received the Elastikon Award in Research Excellence from the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation, the Cabaud Award in Research from AOSSM and CSU's AAEP Clinician of the Year Award for teaching excellence. She is on the Board of Directors for North American Veterinary Regenerative Medicine Association and is past president and chair of both the Preclinical Models Section of the Orthopedic Research Society and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.



Garcia-Lopez, Jose - Evaluator

VMD, DACVS, DACVSMR
Associate Professor of Large Animal Surgery
Department of Clinical Studies - New Bolton Center
School of Veterinary Medicine
University of Pennsylvania
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Dr. José M. García-López, VMD, Dipl. ACVS, Dipl. ACVSMR American College of Veterinary Surgeons American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Associate Professor Large Animal Surgery Department of Clinical Studies - New Bolton Center University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine José obtained his VMD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 and went on to complete a 1-year Equine Internship at Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center (Ringoes, New Jersey, USA) followed by a 3-year Large Animal Surgical Residency with a special focus on Equine Sports Medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton, Massachusetts. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2001. Following his residency, José obtained a Lecturer position in the Section of Equine Sports Medicine and Imaging at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania where he remained for 2 years. From 2002 through 2022, he returned to Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine as an Assistant, then Associate Professor in Large Animal Surgery, where he helped develop the Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Service of which he served as its Director from 2014-2022. He became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2013. While at Tufts, he focused his work on the diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal disorders as well as the use of advanced imaging in the equine athlete. In 2022, he returned to the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center, where he is currently a Clinical Associate Professor of Large Animal Surgery, focusing on equine orthopedics, including arthroscopy and fracture repair, lameness diagnosis and treatment, and advanced imaging. Dr. García-López is also a faculty member of AO VET North America (AO VET NA), having served as Chair from 2021-2024. He regularly lectures and provides consultations at the national and international level.



Carpenter, Ryan - Lecturer

DVM, MS, DACVS
Equine Medical Center
Cypress, California

Dr. Ryan Carpenter graduated from UC Davis, school of veterinary medicine in 2005 and went on to complete a surgical residency and combined masters program at Colorado State University where he conducted orthopedic research projects focusing on gene therapy and fracture healing under the direction of the Equine Orthopedic Research Center at CSU. Ryan spends his mornings as an active racetrack practitioner in the shedrow at Santa Anita and Del Mar and his afternoons in the hospital specializing in orthopedic and upper airway surgery. When not at the track, Ryan enjoys spending time with his wife, Jill and daughters Brooklyn and Taylor.

**Ortved, Kyla - Lecturer**

DVM, PhD, DACVS, DACVSMR
Associate Professor of Large Animal Surgery
Jacques Jenny Endowed Chair of Orthopedic Surgery
New Bolton Center
University of Pennsylvania
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Dr. Kyla Ortved is an Associate Professor of Large Animal Surgery at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania in Kennett Square, PA. She received her DVM degree from the University of Guelph in 2006 and completed her large animal surgical residency at Cornell University in 2010. Kyla became boarded with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2011. Following her residency, Kyla went on to obtain a PhD in equine cartilage repair at Cornell University. She received her PhD in June 2014 and joined the faculty at Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists in July 2015. In January 2016, Kyla became boarded with the American College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She joined the faculty at New Bolton Center in February 2016 as a large animal orthopedic surgeon. Her research program at New Bolton Center focuses on orthopedic disease and investigating gene and cell therapies to improve cartilage repair and prevent osteoarthritis. Dr. Ortved has completed the Faculty Education Program.

**Rossignol, Fabrice - Lecturer**

Dr. med. vet., DECVS
Chief of Surgery
Grosbois Equine Clinic
Paris

Fabrice Rossignol graduated in 1994 from National veterinary school of Toulouse (South of France). He joined the equine clinic of Grosbois near Paris just after, and became partner in 1998. He followed an ECVS alternate training residency program between 2002 to 2007 and became an ECVS diplomate in 2010. Fabrice is a senior surgeon at the Equine clinic de Grosbois and has a partnership with Maisons-Alfort Vet school and the Cirale. He has 100% activity in surgery. He has a major interest in Upper Airway Surgery and Fractures Repair. He is involved in several research projects such as developing a laryngeal pacemaker and new techniques of laryngeal reinnervation within the Medel group. He has also been a member of the AO VET Large Animal Expert Group and Faculty since 2016 and is active in developing new orthopedic implants. When not working, Fabrice likes traveling, skiing, and cinema.

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