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Sea Turtle Medicine

FREE, live webinar
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Wednesday, September 16
2 pm EDT (New York) (UTC -04:00)

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This webinar reviews the key regulatory, anatomical, diagnostic, and therapeutic considerations involved in sea turtle rehabilitation. Topics include state and federal permitting requirements, the conservation challenges facing threatened and endangered sea turtle species, and the anatomical features relevant to clinical care. Diagnostic evaluation focuses on physical examination, imaging, laboratory testing, and sample collection techniques designed to minimize patient stress. Treatment discussions cover critical and supportive care, including fluid therapy, nutritional support, analgesia, anesthesia, and appropriate antimicrobial use. The webinar also examines common rehabilitation conditions, such as fibropapillomatosis, plastic ingestion, buoyancy disorders, and trauma associated with human activities, highlighting their impact on prognosis and clinical decision-making.

Learning Objectives



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I. Sea turtle regulations
II. Anatomy
III. Diagnostics
IV. Critical care
V. Supportive care
VI. Therapeutic drugs
VII. Common selected presentations
    a. Fibropapillomatosis
    b. Plastics ingestion
    c. Buoyancy abnormalities

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