

# Muscle Biopsy Procedure

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Please contact the laboratory ~~W E R R N \ R Ø U D P S Ø H L Ø P D a s~~ **We can only accept pre-booked samples. Samples must be pre-booked** at least ~~K R X U V~~ before **submitting, however we cannot guarantee to have spaces available within th short time frame. If this is the case we will offer alternative dates for submission.**

Indications / possible  
diagnoses

Exertional myopathies (RER/EPSPM etc)

Materials re quired

## Muscle Biopsy Method

1. Contact the laboratory WR SUH ERRN \RXU VDP SOHV DW OHDV  
2rganise same day or overnight courier service prior to sampling.
2. For horses with exertional myopathies the semimembranosis is generally chosen; for equine motor neuron disease, biopsy the sacrocaudalis dorsalis (craniolateral to tail head). For other disorders, choose the site based on the most obviously affected muscle or biopsy several regions.
3. Sedate horse and prepare skin for sterile surgery.
4. A Bergstrom biopsy needle is suitable, but reliable (and usually better) results are obtained with open biopsy.
5. Inject subcutaneously up to 10 ml of local anaesthetic, taking care to avoid direct injection into the muscle layer.
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