A VISUAL GUIDE TO SCORING LESIONS OF THE CLAW USING A MODIFIED ABC LESION SCORING SYSTEM

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The abc system of hoof lesion scoring has been a popular method of recording by hoof-trimmers in North America. In order to reduce confusion with regard to lesion recognition and severity grading, a picture guide of a variety of hoof lesions at each severity grade (mild, moderate and severe) was prepared using a modification of the system.

Diagnoses

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Key:

- H = Hemorrhage
- P = Phlegmon / Foot Rot
- S = Sole Fracture / Heel Ulcer
- T = Toe Ulcer
- U = Ulcer (sole)
- V = Vertical Fissure / Thimble
- Y = Horizontal Fissure / Sand Crack
- K = block
- X = wrapped lesion

Severity Score Table:

- White Line Abscess
- White Line Hemorrhage
- Interdigital Hyperplasia
- Digital Dermatitis
- Heel Horn Erosion
- White Line Fissure
- Deep Digital Sepsis

- Sole Hemorrhage
- Interdigital Necrobacillosis
- Sole Fracture / Heel Ulcer
- Toe Ulcer
- Sole Ulcer
- Vertical Fissure
- Horizontal Fissure / Thimble

- Abscess
- Bruise
- Corn
- Dermatitis / Heel wart
- Erosion / Slurry Heel
- Fissure
- Digital Sepsis