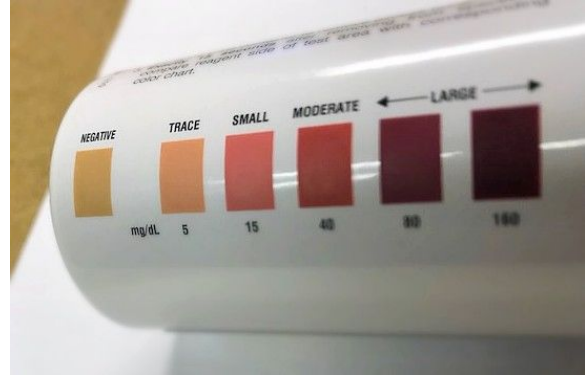


Focus on Fresh Cows.

Fresh cow diseases/disorders are among the most common issues that veterinarians see on a dairy.

Fresh cow diseases/disorders include:

- Metritis (Uterine infection)
- Retained Placenta
- Milk Fever
- Ketosis
- Mastitis
- Pneumonia
- Displaced Abomasum (DA)



These disorders can affect the cow for the entirety of her lactation. As a result, early detection and treatment will maximize a cow's milking performance and reproductive health. During the transition period we encourage producers to walk the fresh pen daily monitoring feed intake and overall appearance. Visual observations such as lethargy, malodorous uterine discharge, retained placenta, lack of cud chewing, weakness, abnormal respiratory rate, and decreased physical activity can all be indicators of a transition problem. A cow demonstrating any abnormal behavior should be further inspected.

- Temperature? (normal temperature is below 102.5F)
- Body Condition Score?
- Is she eating? Is there feed still in front of her?
- Manure consistency and appearance?
- Ketotic?
- Does she ping?
- Overall appearance? (Sunken eyes, droopy ears, etc.)

After a complete assessment it is important to have treatment protocols in place as discussed with your regular veterinarian.

Mondovi Veterinary Service offers a routine fresh cow program preformed by your veterinarian at your regular herd health. The program allows your veterinarian to quickly assesses each fresh cow on the farm and provide you with a proper diagnosis and management recommendations. Producers using this program have decreased their antibiotic usage and have seen fewer DAs due to early detection and diagnosis of other underlying health issues.

For additional information on implementing the program discuss with your veterinarian at your next herd health or give us a call at the clinic.