



Overview/description

Spectrum of Care: Chatting options – Yes, we can!

Challenges related to pet-owner costs and other barriers to animal care have always been a part of veterinary practice. However, these day-to-day difficulties appear to be increasing, with growing attention to the ‘access to care’ veterinary crisis impacting our patients, clients, and veterinary care teams. One proposed solution to this problem is the deliberate incorporation of Spectrum of Care into practice (i.e., evidence-based care options along the continuum of acceptable care). During this webcast, Drs. Jason Stull and Michelle Evason will use real case examples and highlight how to identify care options while effectively communicating these options to pet owners.

Speaker’s bio and credentials



Michelle Evason, BSc, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (SAIM)

Dr. Michelle Evason serves as Global Director, Veterinary Clinical Education for Antech (MARS). She has worked in general practice, academia, specialty clinical practice, and in the animal health industry. Michelle has published on numerous infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, nutrition, spectrum of care, veterinary- and pet-owner education-related topics. She enjoys ferrying her two-legged (and four-legged) children to various activities and fulfilling most ‘Canuck’ stereotypes.



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Jason Stull is a veterinary epidemiologist and an associate professor at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island, Canada. He holds a veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania, a master’s degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the University of California at Davis, and a PhD in Veterinary Infectious Disease from the University of Guelph. Over the past 20 years, he has been involved in controlling and preventing infectious diseases in animals and humans. His diverse career includes experiences in private practice, state public health, and academia. Dr. Stull regularly teaches applied epidemiology and evidence-based veterinary medicine to DVM students and practitioners. His involvement in Spectrum of Care work includes several publications and teaching engagements on the topic. Since 2021, he has been a member of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges, Spectrum of Care Task Force.



Questionnaire

- 1. Which of the following is the most correct definition of spectrum of care?**
 - Options across the socioeconomic spectrum
 - Evidence-based veterinary medicine options
 - Evidence-based care options across the continuum of acceptable care
 - Veterinary medicine parlour tricks
- 2. Please fill in the sentence with the most correct response. Evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM) has been defined as _____.**
 - party planning
 - the use of the best relevant evidence for penguin health
 - the use of clinical expertise to make the best possible decision about penultimate vacation days
 - the use of the best relevant evidence in conjunction with clinical expertise to make the best possible decision about a veterinary patient
- 3. Which of the below are negative impacts of limited access to veterinary care?**
 - Injured or ill pets experiencing prolonged recovery or premature death (or being relinquished).
 - Families (and individual pet-owners) experiencing emotional distress and trauma affecting their health and well-being.
 - Veterinary care teams experiencing ethical dilemmas and moral distress due to feeling unable to help these pets.
 - Communities at increased risk of infectious diseases, including zoonoses, which may threaten the overall health and well-being of animals and people.
 - All of the above
- 4. The following is an example of a partnership statement: “Let’s go through the available options for Nico and the costs of each together, then we’ll take time to discuss your questions before we identify the right path forward for both Nico and you.”**
 - True
 - False



5. Which of the below is an example of an effective empathy statement?
- “I can see that you want to do everything you can for Harley, and the cost of his care has you in a challenging position; let’s take a few minutes and revisit the options available to us.”
 - “I know you were not anticipating Rory’s accident today, nor were you anticipating the costs of his care; let’s take a few minutes to review our options for Rory together.”
 - “I wish I had additional options we could explore for Dexter and you, and that euthanasia was not the only remaining option to us. I understand this is hard, and please know we are here to support you. Hopefully, we can both take some comfort in knowing we are able to end Dexter’s suffering, and we have done all that we can.”
 - All of the above
6. The “O” in PICO, stands for
- Owner
 - Outcome
 - Only
 - Options
7. In veterinary medicine, high levels (strength) of evidence are available for all clinical topics.
- True
 - False
8. Expert opinion is considered what level (strength) of evidence?
- High
 - Low
 - Middle
9. Using the PICO format when developing a clinical question is strongly encouraged when following an evidence-based veterinary medicine approach.
- True
 - False
10. When performing a literature search, “OR” should be used:
- For synonyms (such as parvovirus)
 - Between key concepts (such as dog, parvovirus)
 - OR should never be used in literature searches



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