



## Pain Management Skills Competency

IVAPM requires a qualified evaluator to attest to the candidate's mastery of the following skills. The candidate must demonstrate proficiency and mastery in 10 of the following 28 pain management related skills.

Qualified evaluators must be a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Specialists, the European College of Veterinary Specialists or the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Alternatively, they may be certified through one of the following advance training programs:

- CVPP
- CVA
- CCRP
- CCRT
- VTS in Anesthesia/Analgesia and/or Emergency Critical Care

**Applicant Registration Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Skill	Evaluator Signature
<b>Allopathic Skills</b>	
1. Epidural drug selection for three (3) different drug protocols (may be in different species)	
2. Epidural needle placement	
3. Epidural catheter placement	
4. Basic local/regional anesthesia/analgesia drug selections (injectable, transdermal) & placement for blocks in at least three (3) or the following:	
a. Declaw ring block	
b. Dental blocks (three (3) minimum)	
c. Intra-testicular	
d. Intra-articular (three (3) minimum)	
e. intercostal	
f. Transdermal applications	
g. Cornual (large animal block)	
h. Palpebral (large animal block)	
i. Paravertebral (large animal block)	
j. Inverted "L" or Backwards 7 (large animal block)	
k. Equine limb blocks	
5. Advanced local/regional anesthesia/analgesia drug selection & placement in at least two (2) of the following subcategories:	
a. Brachial plexus or cervical paraspinal	
b. Sciatic & femoral nerve	
c. Intrapleural or intraperitoneal catheter placement & use	
d. Bier block	
e. RUMM block	
f. Retrobulbar block	
g. Continuous local anesthetic administration	



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6. Use of nerve locator for regional anesthesia/analgesia application purposes of the aforementioned blocks	
7. Use of ultrasound for regional anesthesia/analgesia application purposes of the aforementioned blocks	
8. Constant rate infusion analgesic drug dose/volume calculations & administration for three (3) different drug protocols using a volume based syringe pump	
9. Constant rate infusion analgesic drug dose/volume calculations & administration for three (3) different drug protocols using IV fluids (drip-set method)	
<b>Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation Skills</b>	
10. Goniometry (demonstration of skill & reproducibility with goniometric joint ROM evaluation in four (4) joints)	
11. Identification & assessment of all types of joint end range feel	
12. Gulick tape (demonstration of skill & reproducibility with muscle girth measurement using Gulick Tape in three (3) individual animals)	
13. Conduct a neurologic examination/assessment & arrive at a pathofunctional diagnosis (lesion localization); <b>attach record or form used</b>	
14. Ability to conduct an orthopaedic examination/assessment & arrive at pathofunctional diagnosis	
15. LLLT for pain management in two (2) different types of cases & ability to explain application techniques, type of laser, dose & knowledge of safety issues (specify brand & settings; i.e. wave length, times, number of points)	
16. NMES: Muscle selection, proper placement, pulse frequency, duration, treatment of frequency for two (2) different conditions (specify brand used)	
17. TENS: Electrode placement strategies for application two (2) difference case (specify brand & settings)	
18. Therapeutic U/S: Appropriate utilization, explain application & justification of settings & safety issues in two (2) different types of cases	
19. Joint compressions: Appropriate application of & justifications in two (2) different cases	
20. Joint mobilizations/traction: Appropriate application of & justifications for use of Spinal Joint Mobilization, Manipulation or Traction use in two (2) different joints/cases. Explain joint mobilizations (Grade I, II, III, IV, V)	
21. Therapeutic massage: Appropriate application or & justifications for use (demonstration of knowledge and/or skill in performing three (3) specific techniques: effleurage, petrissage, friction massage, tapotement, wringing, rolling, kneading, ischemic compression)	
22. MFTPs: Clinical identification of major muscles origin, insertion & specific action for thoracic limb, pelvic limb, cervical, thoracic, lumbar & sacral regions of the trunk & release techniques for three (3) MFTPs	
23. Prescription and/or utilization of therapeutic exercise that directly addresses pain management and/or function in three (3) different pain management case scenarios	



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24. Extra-corporeal shockwave therapy	
<b>Acupuncture Skills</b>	
25. Needle placement techniques in four (4) clinical scenarios	
26. Needle removal techniques	
27. Pain related acupuncture point selection in two (2) local points and two (2) proximal or distal points	
28. Elector-stimulation unit utilization in two (2) different clinical scenarios (specify frequency, pulse, form	

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