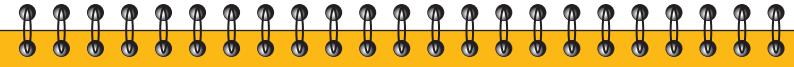


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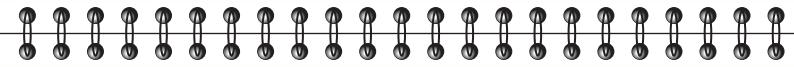
For further on-farm training of necropsy techniques contact your local CEVA representatives.

A Good Necropsy is One Performed Systematically

#### **EQUIPMENT**



Forceps - Scalpel - Scissors - Gloves - Heavy shears



### Before the Necropsy

- Review the clinical history.
- List the differential diagnosis.
- Observe clinical signs of flock.
- Euthanize the bird by cervical dislocation method.
- Examine the bird's exterior.



# Start at the Head

- Moisten feathers with water.
- Lay bird on its back.
- Cut through corner of mouth to open it flat
  - examine oral cavity.
- Continue incision through the skin and esophagus following esophagus to the crop
  - examine vagus nerve, thymus, esophagus, and crop contents.
- Cut through larynx and continue to open trachea
  - examine tracheal mucous membranes and luminal contents.
- Remove upper beak tip with a transverse cut - inspect the nasal cavity and infraorbital sinuses.
- Cut open sinuses if swollen
  - examine fluids,
  - examine eyes.









# Opening the Body

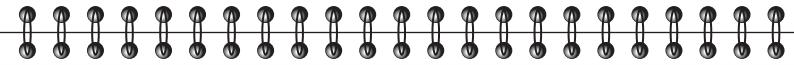
- Cut the skin between the leg and abdomen.
- Pull and twist legs to disarticulate the femur from the hip.
- Cut the skin across the abdomen and reflect the skin to expose abdomen and pectoral muscles.



#### **Exposing the Viscera**

- Cut across abdominal muscles following the sternal border.
- Continue through ribs to throracic inlet.
- Cut and open the rib cage to expose the viscera
  - examine surface of exposed organs and take microbiological samples if needed before proceeding to next step.





# **Examining the Viscera**

- Stop and culture diseased organs if desired before proceeding to next organ to avoid contamination.
- Reflect liver and intestines to visualize air sacs, lungs, and kidneys.
- Remove organs as needed for further sampling and/or better visualization.

#### Organs to examine:

- liver, spleen, pancreas.
- kidneys.
- ovaries.
- heart, lungs.
- intestinal tract (including cecal tonsils).
- sciatic nerves and plexus.
- brain.
- bones and marrowbone.





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**This necropsy guide** is a **practical tool** which, after describing the autopsy, provides a tabulated list of Broilers and Layers hens diseases classified by tropism.

#### **Six tropisms** have been defined:

Respiratory	рЮ
Nervous system	p20
Locomotor system	p22
Digestive tract	p24
Liver	p26
Miscellaneous	p32

For each of those six tropisms and for each disease, etiology, clinical signs and photos of the most characteristic lesions that hint at that disease are provided, as well as the sampling and analysis to be carried out to confirm its diagnosis.

These panels have been specially designed for easy references during your autopsies for more accurate lesion diagnosis and to adopt the best prevention and treatment strategies.

Vitamin A deficit p10
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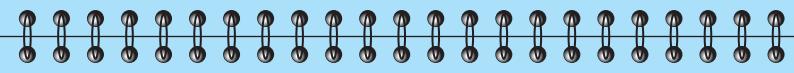
selenium deficit p21 & p22

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<u> </u>		ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL 51G	DIAGNO515	
	Vitamin A Deficit		Membranous deposit on the upper respiratory mucosa.  Little signs during the early evolution.  Mortality at the end of evolution.  Other signs: keratomalacia (degeneration of cornea), xerophtalmia (dry eye), nephritis, urates deposits on various organs.	Anama "No o N' Danka"	<ul> <li>SAMPLES:         <ul> <li>dosing vitamin A in blood, liver and eggs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>HISTOLOGY:         <ul> <li>trachea, larynx, esophagus</li> <li>epithelial metaplasia.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Therapeutic diagnosis: administration of vitamin A.</li> </ul>
	Ammoniac itoxication	Broilers Layers	Non specific and discreet respiratory signs.  Conjunctivitis.	© DA 22	Ammoniac smell.  Ammoniac dosage (should be less 25 cm³/m³).



#### Morbidity = 100%. Paramyxovirus **RESPIRATORY: SAMPLES:** • from simple oculo-nasal • swabs: trachea, lung, type I discharge to severe cloacae, proventriculus, breathing disorders. brain **Broilers** → virus isolation and **Layers** immunofluorescence. **NERVOUS:** Newcastle Disease • torticolis. **HISTOLOGY:** brain **DIGESTIVE: →** encephalitis. • hemorrhagic lesions lung (proventriculus, small → intestinal pneumonia. intestine, cecal tonsils). **SEROLOGY:** → ELISA, SN, HI ++. Morbidity = 100%. Mortality = 5-100%.

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	ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL 51G	NS AND LESIONS	DIAGNO515
Avian Influenza	Orthomyxovirus Broilers Layers	Respiratory disorders with various intensity.  RESPIRATORY: • sinusitis, nasal discharge, hemorrhage.  DIGESTIVE: • diarrhea.  NERVOUS: • non specific.  Layers: • drop of production.	NS AND LESIONS	DIAGNO515  SAMPLES:  • swabs: trachea and cloacae  → virus isolation and identification (HA).  SEROLOGY:  → HI, ELISA, AGP.
		Morbidity = 50-80% (sometimes 100%).  Mortality = 1-100%.		
		Differential with NDV.		



#### Coronavirus

#### **Broilers Layers**

Severe respiratory disorders. Seldom: nephritis.

#### Layers:

- drop of production.
- bad eggs quality.
- rough and circled shell.

Morbidity = 80% (sometimes 100%).

Mortality variable.





#### **SAMPLES:**

- swabs: trachea and lung
  - → virus isolation and IF direct.

#### **HISTOLOGY:**

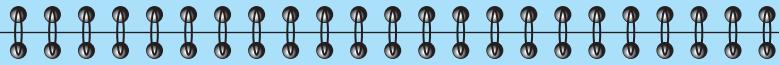
- trachea
  - **→** epithelial cells hyperplasia.

#### **SEROLOGY:**

→ HA, ELISA, AGID, SN, IF.

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#### CLINICAL SIGNS AND LESIONS **D1AGNO515** ETIOLOGY-Hosts **RESPIRATORY: SAMPLES:** Herpesvirus • Acute: breathing disorders, • swabs: trachea, lung, sinus → virus isolation. **Broilers** hemorrhagic nasal discharge Infectious Laryngotracheitis **Layers HISTOLOGY:** • Sub-acute: tracheitis, • trachea hemorrhagic, **→** IF intranuclear fibrinous exudates. inclusion bodies. **Layers**: **SEROLOGY:** • drop of production, → ELISA, IF, SN. then return to normal curve. Morbidity variable. Mortality = 5-70%.



Avian Poxvirosis	Poxvirus  Broilers Layers	RESPIRATORY:  • Cutaneous form: cutaneous lesions (nodular lesions) around head (part with no feathers).  • Strictly larynx = diphteritic form: diphteritic membranes in oral cavity (nodular lesions).  Morbidity variable.	© LDA 22	SAMPLES:  • cutaneous lesions  → virus isolation.  HISTOLOGY:  • skin  → intra-cytoplasmic inclusion.  SEROLOGY:  → IF, SN, HA, AGP.  (mostly clinical diagnosis).
Adenovirosis	Adenoviroris Broilers	Discreet respiratory disorders. Morbidity variable.		SAMPLES:  • trachea, lung, feces  → virus isolation.  HISTOLOGY:  • trachea  → intranuclear inclusions.  SEROLOGY:  → AGP, IF, SN.

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#### ETIOLOGY-Hosts Mycoplasma

gallisepticum

Mycoplasma synoviae

#### **Broilers Layers**

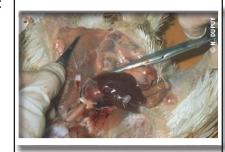
#### **RESPIRATORY:**

Chronic Respiratory Disease:

- sinusitis (infra orbital).
- late growth.
- salpingitis.
- airsacculitis.

#### Layers:

• drop of production. Morbidity: until 80%.



#### **SAMPLES:**

- air sac and trachea
  - **→** isolation and identification.

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#### **HISTOLOGY:**

- trachea and air sacs
  - → high infiltration.

#### **SEROLOGY:**

→ RSA, HI, ELISA.

### Avibacterium paragallinarum

(formerly known as Haemophilus paragallinarum)

**Broilers** Layers

#### **RESPIRATORY:**

- abundant nasal discharge.
- conjunctivitis, sinusitis, facial edema (swollen sinus).

High morbidity.

Low mortality (unless complicated with MG).



#### **SAMPLES:**

- swabs of trachea and sinus
  - **→** isolation (direct Gram+) and identification.

#### **SEROLOGY:**

→ HI, RSA.

**CLINICAL SIGNS AND LESIONS** 

#### Pasteurella multocida

#### **Broilers** Layers

Pasteurellosis (Fowl Cholera)

#### **RESPIRATORY:**

Highly acute:

- early (acute) mortality. Acute:
- cyanosis (blue mucosa).
- nasal discharge.
- diarrhea with associated fecal material:
  - initially watery and whitish coloration
  - lately greenish, containing mucus.

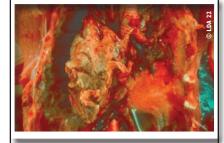
#### Chronic:

- breathing disorders.
- conjunctivitis, tracheitis, airsacculitis, pneumonia.

#### **LESIONS:**

#### Acute:

- vascular lesions (heart petechia...).
- swollen liver and necrosis.
- enteritis.
- lesions of genital tract



#### **SAMPLES:**

· bone marrow, blood, liver, swab of nasal cavity and air sacs.

#### **HISTOLOGY:**

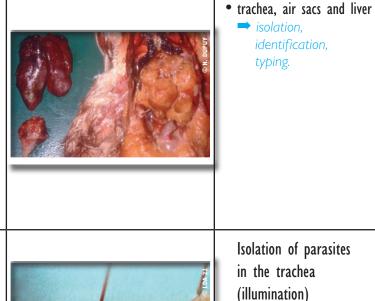
• hepatic lesions: similar to salmonellosis.

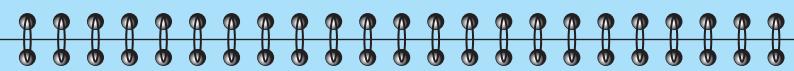
#### **SEROLOGY:**

→ RPA, PA, ELISA.

#### **Chronic:**

 localized infections can be everywhere.





#### Aspergillus fumigatus

#### **Broilers Layers**

#### **RESPIRATORY:**

Acute (++ young):

- severe breathing disorder.
- yellow nodules on the lung.

#### Chronic (adult):

- air sacs infections.
- fibrinous exudates.
- mycelium.
- lungs granuloma.

Mortality = 10-50%.

#### Seldom:

- Nervous signs.
- Digestive signs.



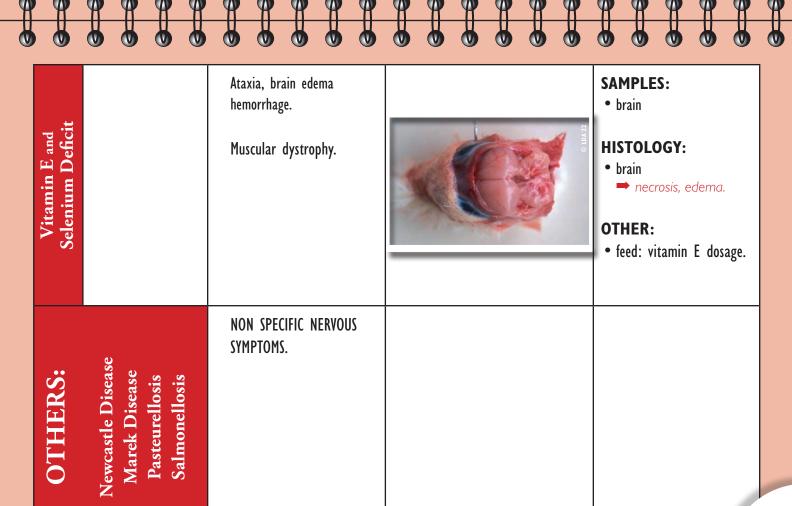
#### **SAMPLES:**

- lung, air sacs
  - direct examination and isolation.

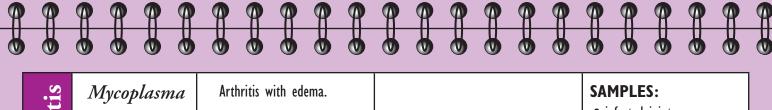
#### **HISTOLOGY:**

- lung and brain
  - → PAS coloration for fungus infection.

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2		ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL 51G	DIAGNO515	
	Avian Encenhalomvelitis	Picornavirus  Broilers Layers	<ul> <li>Chicks:</li> <li>head shaking, increased when hang birds by foot.</li> <li>Morbidity until 60%.</li> <li>Mortality = 25-50%.</li> <li>Layers:</li> <li>drop of production (with no associated signs).</li> </ul>	AND THE STATE OF T	SAMPLES:  • brain sampling  → virus isolation.  HISTOLOGY:  • brain, pancreas heart, liver  → microscopic lesions.  SEROLOGY:  → ELISA, SN.
	Botulism	Clostridium botulinum Broilers Layers	Progressive flaccid paresis.  Evolution from legs to neck paralysis.  No macroscopic lesions.		SAMPLES: • intestinal or stomach content.  TESTING: • botulotoxin testing on mice.



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22	$\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$	ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL 51G	DIAGNO515	
Vitamin E and	Selenium Deficit		Myositis: light-colored streaks in the breast.  Encephalomalacia.	© LDa 22	SAMPLES:  • digestive content.  HISTOLOGY:  • muscles.
	Arthritis	Staphylococcus aureus Broilers Layers	Seldom chronic arthritis.	W. DUPUY	SAMPLES:  • joint content  → bacteriology.



# Infectious Synovitis synoviae

**Broilers Layers** 

Lesions of the synovial membranes.



- infected joint
  - **→** isolation of Mycoplasma.

#### **SEROLOGY:**

→ RPA, PA, HI, ELISA.

#### Reovirus

**Broilers Layers** 

Viral Arthritis

Edema of the tendon sheaths.

Rupture of the gastrocnemius tendon.



#### **SAMPLES:**

- infected joint
  - → virus isolation, IF.

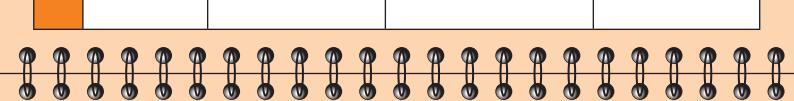
#### **SEROLOGY:**

➡ ELISA, SN, AGID.



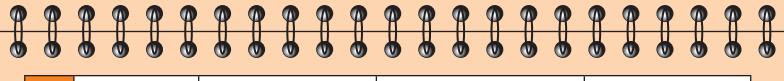
#### **SAMPLES:** Eimeria spp. **DIGESTIVE:** COCCIDIA • enteritis of various severity. intestine and cecum CHICKEN **→** parasites **Broilers** • various lesions distributions. examination. Technical do **Layers** on parasitolog

#### Trichomonas **DIGESTIVE: SAMPLES:** • feed apprehension disorders. • the targeted organs. gallinae richomonosis yellow nodules in oral cavity, esophagus, **Broilers** crop, intestine (seldom). **Layers**



#### Diffuse and nodular **SAMPLES:** Oncornavirus neoplasms: • liver, spleen, kidney, **Layers** liver, spleen, kidney. bursa of Fabricius. Leucosis Poor morbidity. **HISTOLOGY:** tumoral infiltration by lymphoblasts. tumoral infiltration "intrafollicular" within bursa. **SEROLOGY:** → ELISA, CF. Adenovirus I Hemorrhage syndrome. **SAMPLES:** Hepatitis (inclusion) • liver and marrowbone → virus isolation. Medullar hypoplasia. **HISTOLOGY:** Hepatitis. **→** degeneration and necrosis of Nephritis. hepatocytes (inclusion bodies).

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		ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL 51G	NS AND LESIONS	DIAGNO515
Avian Vibrionic	Hepatitis	Campylobacter spp. Broilers	<ul> <li>Chronic infection:</li> <li>drop of egg production.</li> <li>anemia.</li> <li>emaciation.</li> <li>spleen hypertrophy.</li> <li>hepatitis lesions.</li> </ul>		SAMPLES:  • bile, liver, spleen, heart  → bacteriology.
. 1	luberculosis	Mycobacterium avium  Broilers Layers	Chronic infection:  Iameness.  emaciation.  diarrhea.  drop of egg production.  Specific lesions:  granuloma.  liver, spleen, intestine.	© LDA ZZ	SAMPLES: • liver, spleen.  HISTOLOGY: • Ziehl Nielsen coloration  → AAR. • inflammatory granuloma.

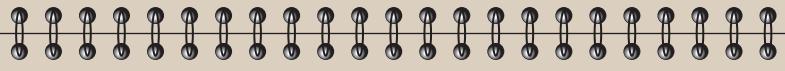


Colibacillosis	Escherichia coli Broilers Layers	Coligranulomatosis:  • granulomatosis lesions on cecum, intestine, liver.  • perihepatitis.  • pericarditis.  CRD complications.	Anang We	SAMPLES:  • liver  → bacteriology.  HISTOLOGY:  → inflammatory granuloma.  → perihepatitis.
Salmonellosis	Salmonella spp.  Broilers Layers	Yellowish and stinking diarrhea.  • spleen: hypertrophy.  • liver: hypertrophy green (bronzed) small necrosis area: I-3 mm.  Horizontal transmission.  Vertical transmission.	© LDA 22	SAMPLES:  • liver, spleen, eggs, cloacae swabs, litter  → bacteriology.  HISTOLOGY:  • liver  → hepatitis.  • heart  → myocardial necrosis.  SEROLOGY:  → RPA, PA, ELISA.

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Histomoniasis	Br La	Histo melea oiler yers	igrid		<ul><li>liver</li><li>with</li><li>ceci</li></ul>	erohepa r: roun n hemo um: ce eration	d necr errhagio ecal wa	cente		Añano 'N ®					SAMPLES:  • liver and cecum  → microscopic  examination.  HISTOLOGY:  • liver.					
Liver Steatosis of		Nutritional obesity.  disease Significant decrease of egg production. Liver hypertrophy. Steatosis. Hemorrhage.					1 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A					© DA 22	• liv	TOL( → stea (spe			on:			
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# Aflatoxins Broilers Layers Catarrhal enteritis. Liver: degeneration of cells evolving to cirrhosis. Bruises on subcutis and muscles. SAMPLES: • feed: • feed: • toxin dosage + reproduction of disease.

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C		ETIOLOGY-Hosts	DIAGNO515				
Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD)			Inflammation, followed by an atrophy of the bursa.  Petechia in duodenum.	YUND AND ON BURNEY	SAMPLES:  • bursa and spleen  → IF direct and serotype.  HISTOLOGY:  • bursa  → lymphoid follicles necrosis, hemorrhage.  SEROLOGY:		
	Infections Nephritis	Picornavirus Broilers	Non specific symptoms.		<ul> <li>➤ ELISA, SN, IF, AGID.</li> <li>SAMPLES: <ul> <li>kidney, cloacae</li> <li>→ virus isolation, IF direct.</li> </ul> </li> <li>HISTOLOGY: <ul> <li>→ degeneration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>SEROLOGY: <ul> <li>→ VN, IF.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		



	Circovirus	Thymus and bone marrow		SAMPLES:
emia	Broilers Layers	atrophy.  Liver atrophy.  Hemorrhage: proventriculus, liver and muscles.  Generalized anemia.	Annua	<ul> <li>liver, marrowbone.</li> <li>HISTOLOGY:         <ul> <li>generalized lymphoid depletion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>SEROLOGY:         <ul> <li>ELISA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Chicken Anemia		Morbidity variable.  Mortality variable (secondary infections).	ADPUD N. W. DUPUT	

34	ETIOLOGY-Hosts	CLINICAL SIGNS AND LESIONS		DIAGNO515
	Adenovirus Layers	Drop of production until 50% during 6 to 12w.		SAMPLES: • liver and oviduct  • virus isolation, IF.
EDS		Discolored shell:  egg without shell.  normal albumen.		HISTOLOGY:  → edema, atrophy of glandular tissue.
				SEROLOGY: ⇒ ELISA, SN, AGID.
Necrotic Dermatitis	Clostridium Staphylococcus Escherichia coli	Necrosis of sub cutaneous layer.	© N. DUPUY	SAMPLES:  • cutaneous lesions  → direct isolation (Gram).

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