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[Respiratory Disease in Snakes](#)

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Wednesday, October 23
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Lower respiratory tract disease is common in snakes, particularly larger species, such as boas and pythons. This web-based seminar will first review clinically relevant anatomy as well as factors that can predispose snakes to respiratory tract disease, such as inappropriate husbandry, infections of the oral cavity, and other stressors that may suppress the immune system. Common etiologic agents will be discussed as well as frequent patient history and physical examination findings. There are a variety of additional diagnostic tests that may be indicated, depending on patient signalment, history, clinical signs, and response to therapy. Important tests that will be discussed include culture and sensitivity/PCR testing, cytology, parasitic examination, imaging, and endoscopy. Common elements of case management will also be explored. RACE approval is pending.



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Lecture outline

- A. Incidence
- B. Anatomy & clinical applications
- C. Predisposing factors
- D. Differential diagnoses
- E. History & clinical signs
- F. Physical exam findings
- G. Diagnostics
- H. Case management

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