AABP Position Statement on Trans-rectal Examination

Trans-rectal examination of the reproductive tract by palpation, ultrasound, or any other method constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine and should be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Examination and assessment of the bovine reproductive tract is a skilled diagnostic procedure requiring integrative knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology to perform safely and correctly.

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