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## SCENARIOS

# Equine Infectious Anemia Blood Test

*AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OBTAINING A PIN*

## BACKGROUND

A blood test to check for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is often required when a horse is moved from one location to another. The test, and the accompanying paperwork, can be time consuming and tedious. In the near future, the USDA, as recommended

by the NAIS Equine Species Working Group, will require that horse owners have a premises identification number, or PIN, in order to be tested for EIA. This will facilitate traceability should a positive horse be detected.

## EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA BLOOD TEST

### SETTING THE SCENE:

As an equine practitioner, you are accustomed to filling out the forms required for EIA testing. You plan on telling your client, Karen James, about the USDA requirement the next time she needs a test.

### CONVERSATION STARTER:

"Hello, Karen. How have your horses been doing?" you ask.

"They are doing fine. But I do need to test my 3-year-old for EIA because I'll be shipping him to New York for a race soon," responds Karen.

"Okay, that reminds me. The USDA will be requiring a premises identification number, or PIN, for submitting the test. Do you know if the racetrack up in New York requires one as well?" you ask.





## KEY POINTS:

- Horse owners will soon need a premises identification number, or PIN, in order to get an EIA test for their horses.
- The requirement for a PIN was a recommendation made by the NAIS Equine Species Working Group, which is composed of industry leaders and State and Federal animal health officials.
- PINs will likely be a requirement for health certificates as well.
- By registering and receiving a PIN, you will also ensure you are notified quickly if your horse is exposed to a disease or if other important equine diseases are diagnosed in your area.
- To register, contact your State department of agriculture and provide them with the following basic information:
  - Name of entity
  - Contact person for premises
  - Street address, city, State, and Zip or postal code
  - Contact phone number
  - Operation type
  - Date activated
  - Alternative phone numbers.

## NEXT STEPS:

- Research the process for obtaining a premises identification number (PIN) in your State and be ready to share this information with clients.
  - Go to [www.usda.gov/nais/getPIN](http://www.usda.gov/nais/getPIN) and find the contact for your State.
  - Find out whether your State's department of agriculture Web site allows clients to sign up online.
  - Contact the State and find out whether you can hand out registration forms in the field.