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# Canine prostatic disease: A review of anatomy, pathology, diagnosis, and treatment

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### Abstract

Disease conditions affecting the canine prostate gland are encountered frequently in small animal practice. The most common conditions affecting the canine prostate include benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, prostatic cysts, and prostatic neoplasia. Clinical signs associated with each of these conditions often overlap; therefore, it is important to reach a definitive diagnosis prior to initiating treatment. This paper reviews the diseases associated with the prostate gland of the dog, their diagnosis, as well as current treatment options for management of these conditions. Emphasis is placed on proper diagnostic sampling of the prostate gland, its fluid, and interpretation of findings, as well as emerging medical options for treatment of canine prostatic disease.



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