
Hill's Atlas

of Veterinary

Clinical Anatomy

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Introduction

At one time or another, all of us in clinical practice have explained to clients such things as the pathology of a failing heart or a prolapsed intervertebral disk. Oftentimes, we've used radiographs or hand drawings to communicate important points. Irrespective of our artistic skills, such drawings and explanations transfer information to clients not only about specific diagnoses but also about the rationale behind therapeutic plans.

Hill's Pet Nutrition thinks client communication is vital to the success of veterinary practice. In accord with that philosophy, Hill's is proud to present the *Hill's Atlas of Veterinary Clinical Anatomy*[™] - an in-exam room atlas to heighten client communications.

Each illustration in the *Atlas* has been drawn by professional medical illustrators. Generally, the left-hand page depicts normal anatomy, and the right-hand page a pathologic presentation. A brief outline of diagnostic, therapeutic, and dietary plans is included on the right-hand page. This arrangement will allow you to show clients normal anatomy and the pathology affecting their pets while you describe how your therapeutic plan will, if possible, return their pets to health and normal anatomy.

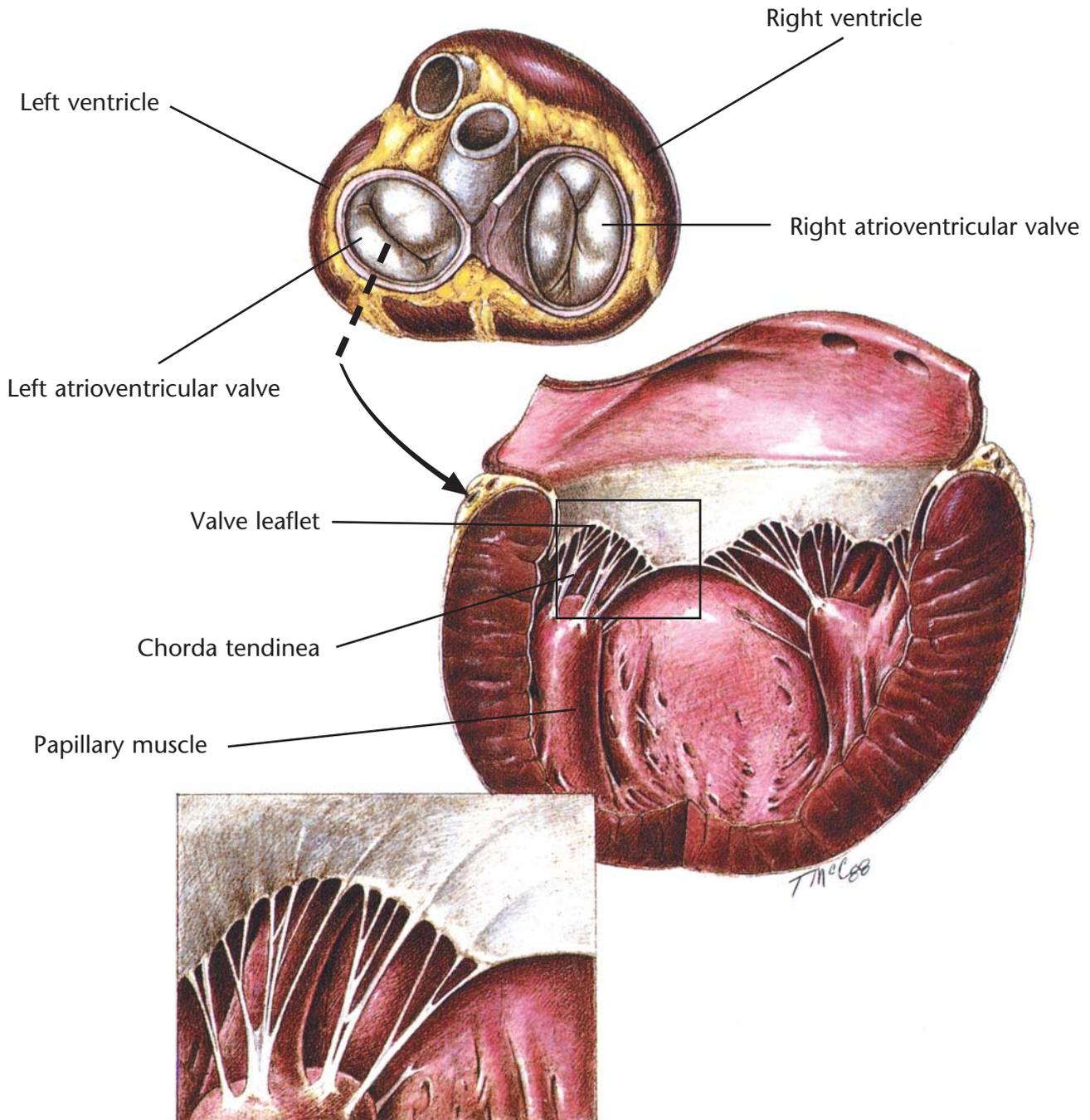
The *Atlas* contains eight sections. Refer to the contents

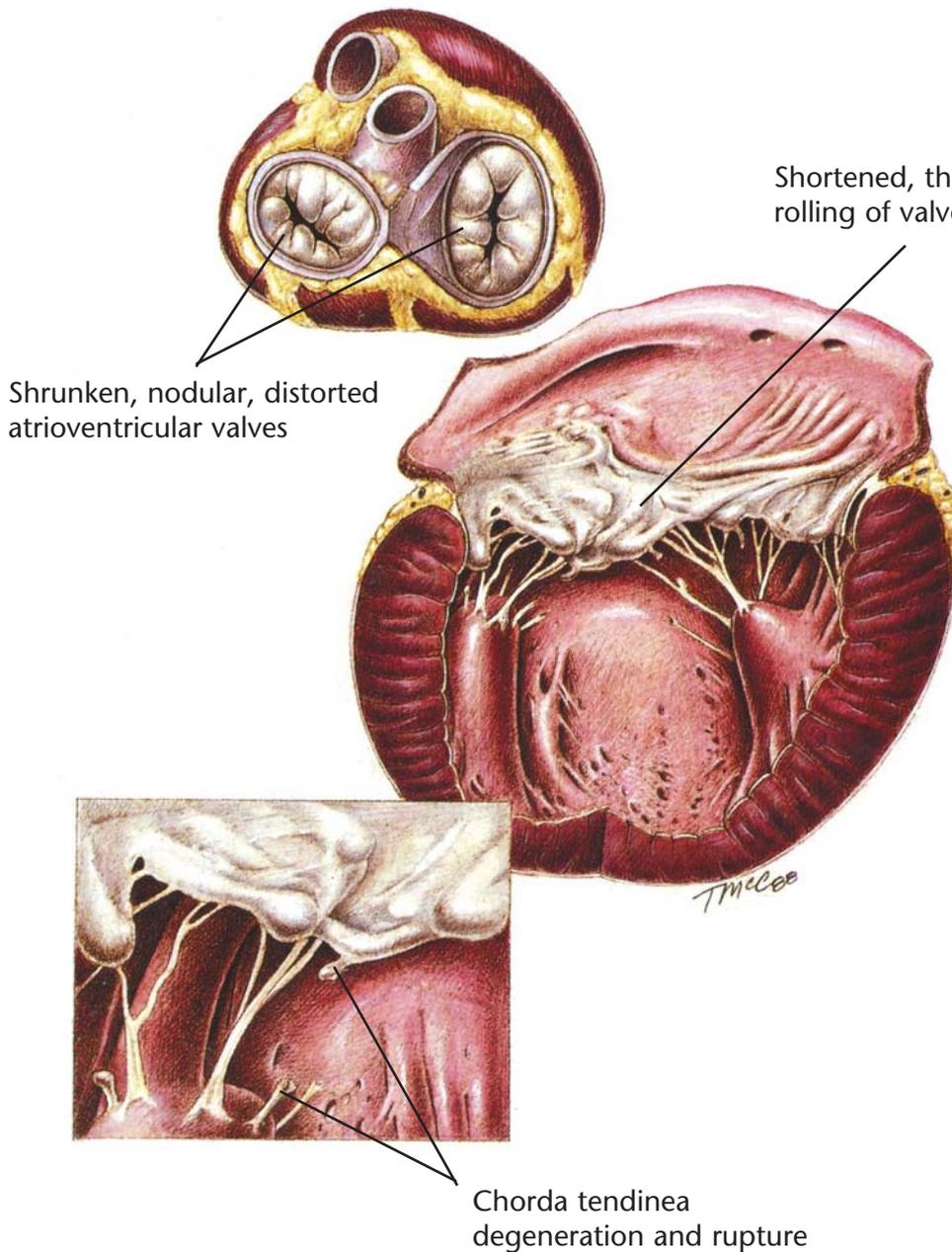
pages for the page numbers and color assigned to each section. These blocks of color are placed around the page numbers at the top of each page. Each section has been assigned a different color for ease of use.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the medical illustrations and the diagnostic, therapeutic, and nutritional plans in the *Atlas*. For example, each illustration has been reviewed by appropriate veterinary faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University. The *Atlas* is not intended to be an exhaustive review of anatomy, pathology, or medicine. For more information, consult the Bibliography, refer to prescribing information on specific drugs, or call Hill's Veterinary Consultation Service at 1-800-548-VETS (8387) or e-mail vet_consult@HillsPet.com.

The *Atlas* contains illustrations of the most common conditions seen in clinical practice. Therefore, its proper place is in the exam room, so you can use it daily to enhance client education.

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Chronic Valvular Disease

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Chest auscultation
- Chest palpation
- Blood work
- Urinalysis
- Chest x-rays
- Electrocardiography
- Heartworm check
- Echocardiography
- Angiocardiography

Therapeutic Plan

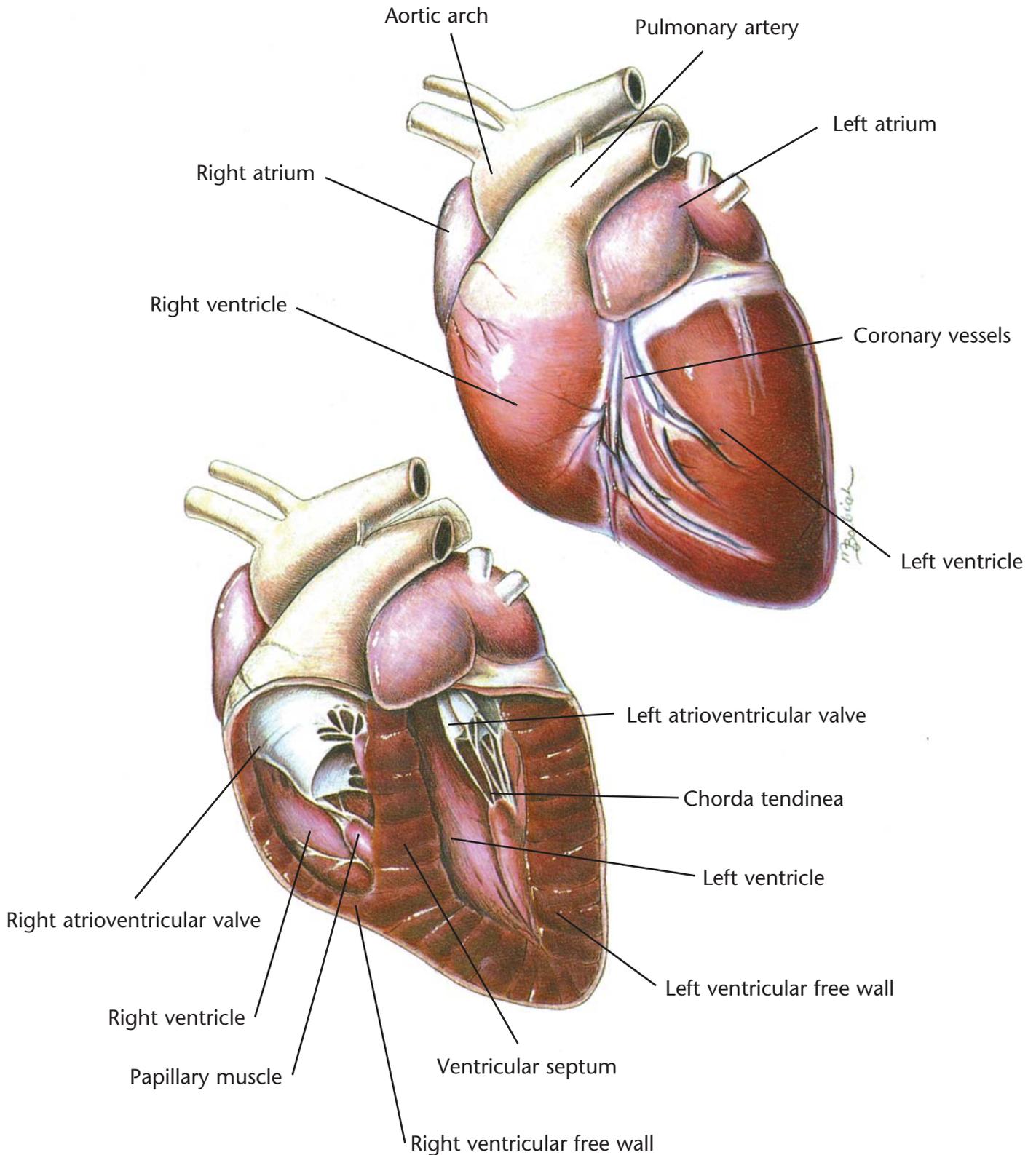
- Drugs to strengthen the heart
- Diuretics
- Drugs that dilate blood vessels
- Drugs that correct abnormal heart rhythms
- Exercise restriction

Dietary Plan

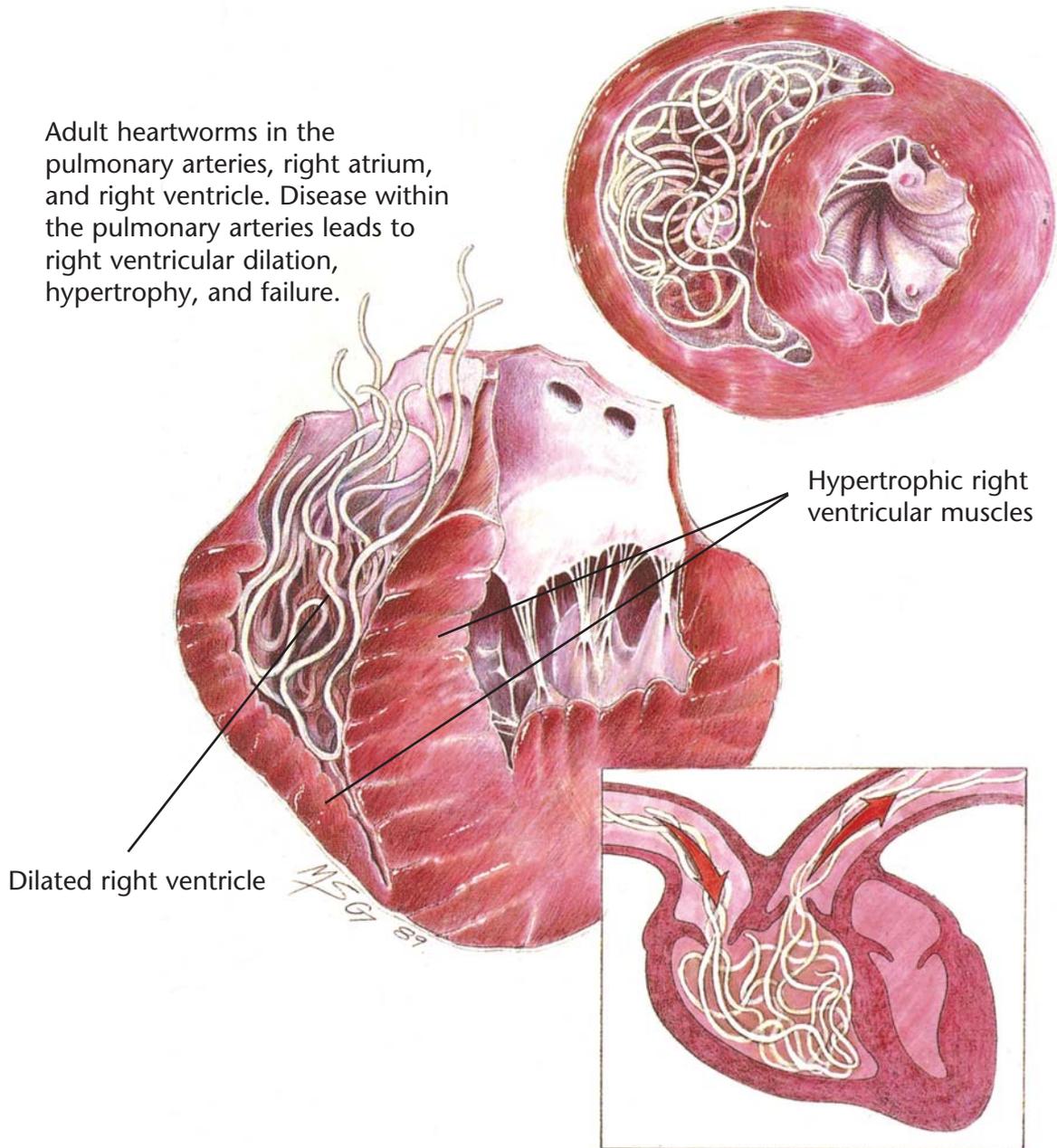
- A mildly restricted sodium diet or a moderately restricted sodium diet
- If necessary, change to a severely restricted sodium diet

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Normal Canine Heart



Adult heartworms in the pulmonary arteries, right atrium, and right ventricle. Disease within the pulmonary arteries leads to right ventricular dilation, hypertrophy, and failure.



Heartworm Disease

Diagnostic Plan

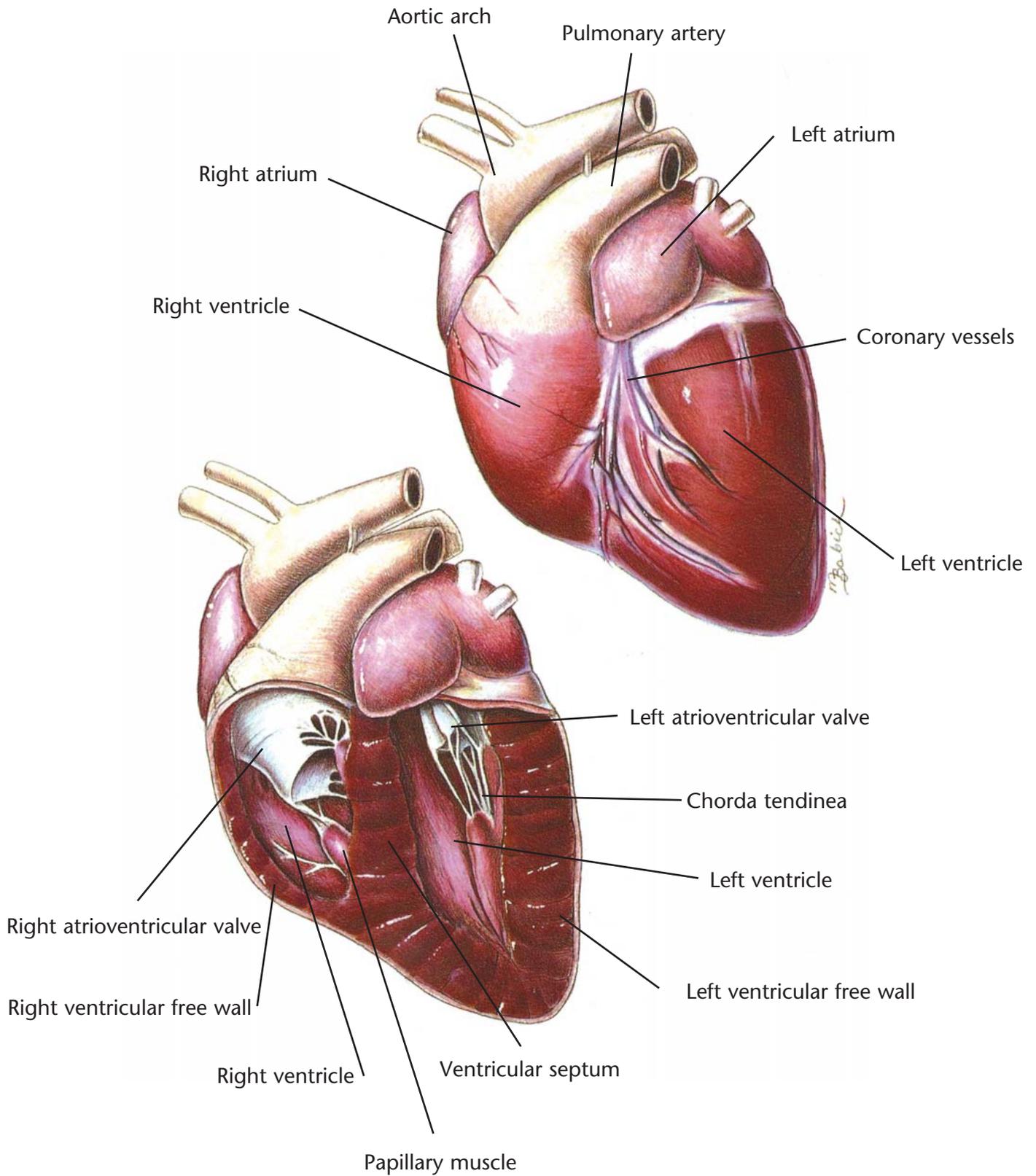
History
Physical examination
Heartworm check
Blood work
Urinalysis
Chest x-rays
Electrocardiography
Echocardiography

Therapeutic Plan

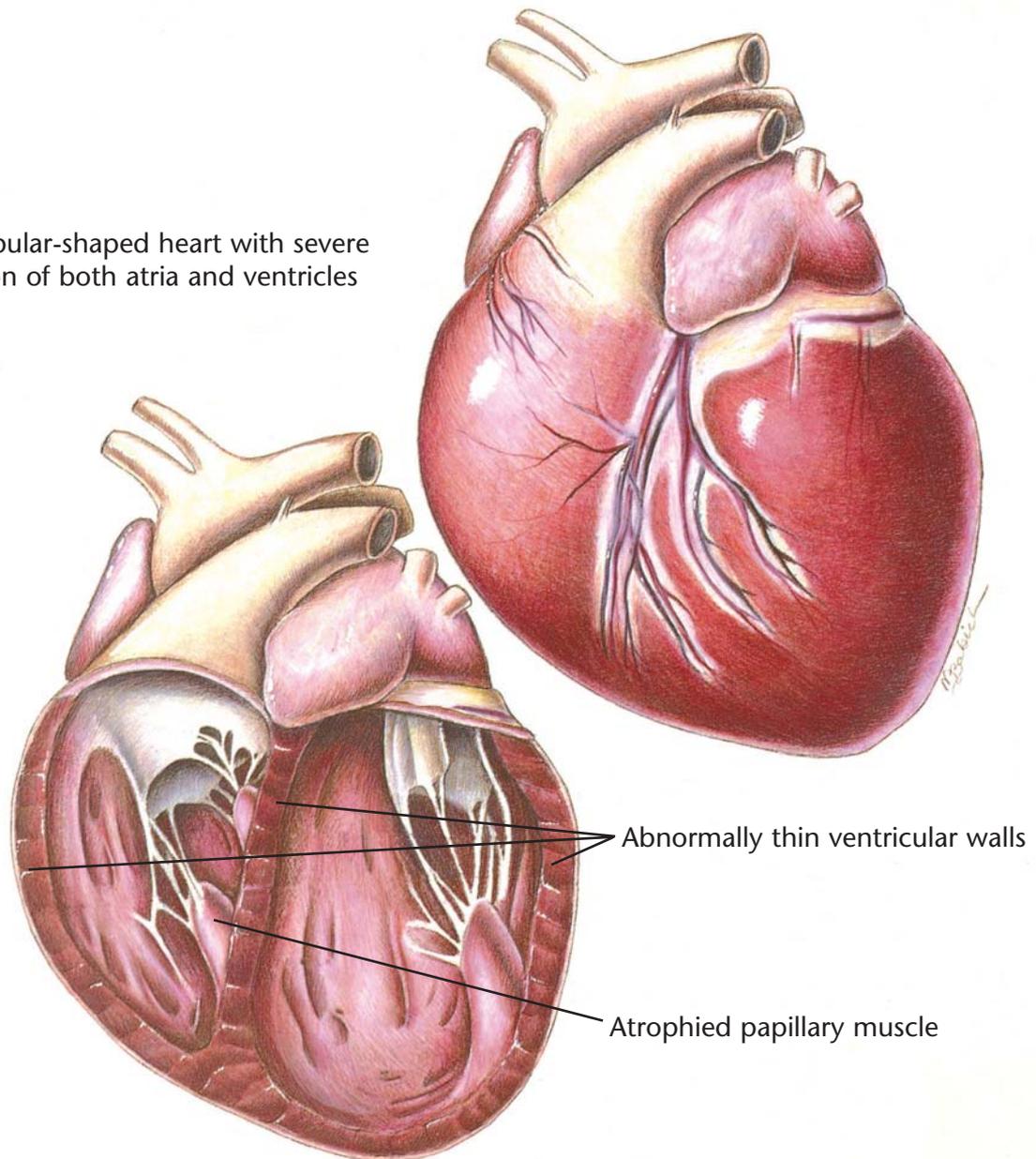
Drugs to kill adult worms
Restricted exercise
Aspirin
Corticosteroids
Drugs to kill larvae in the bloodstream
Prevention
Surgery

Dietary Plan

A diet with controlled levels of protein, phosphorus and sodium
Consider body condition



A globular-shaped heart with severe dilation of both atria and ventricles



Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Urinalysis
Blood work
Chest x-rays
Electrocardiography
Echocardiography
X-rays of the heart after dye injection

Therapeutic Plan

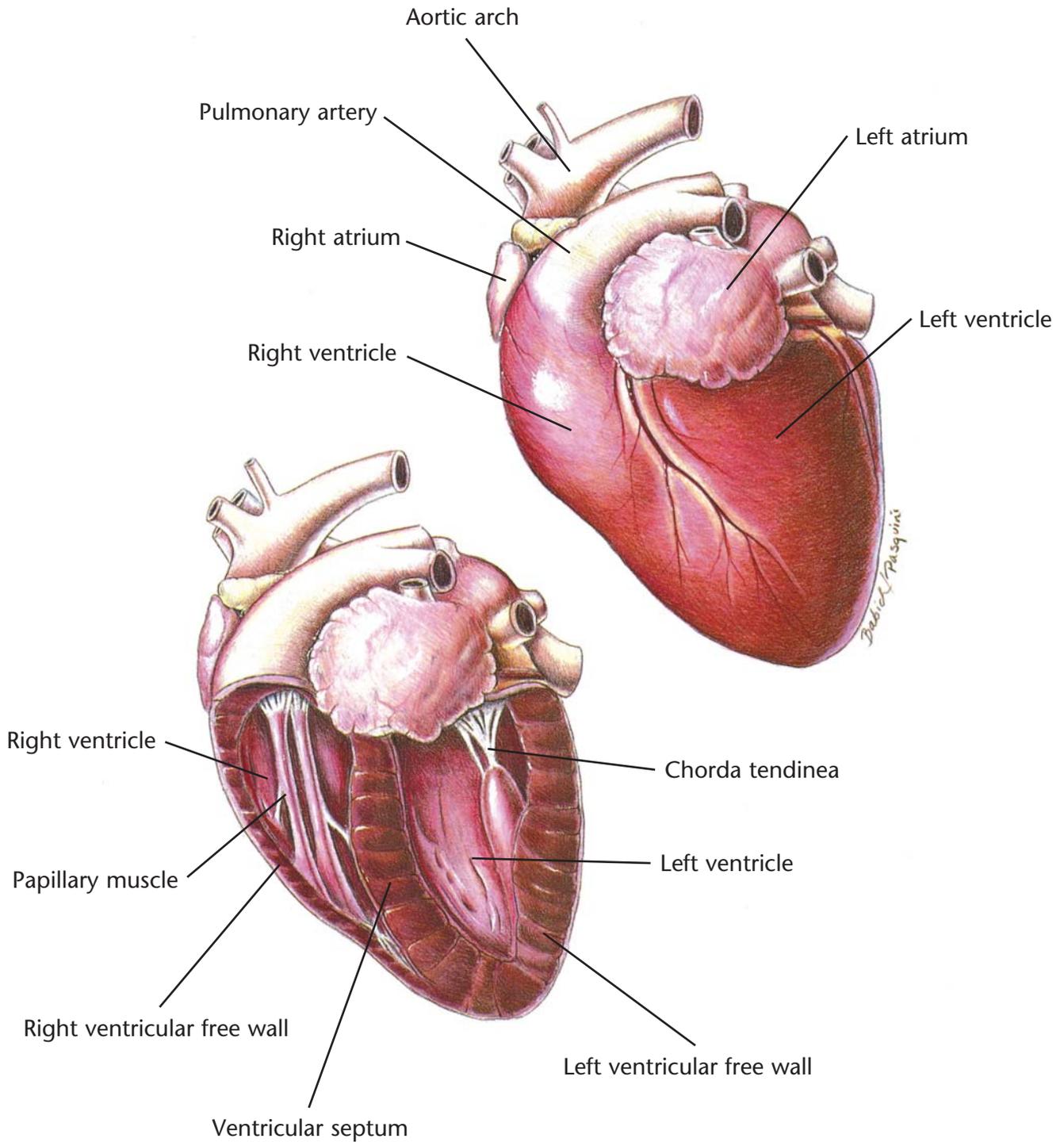
Enforced rest
Removal of fluid from the chest and abdomen
Diuretics
Drugs that strengthen the heart
Drugs that dilate blood vessels
Bronchodilators
Oxygen therapy

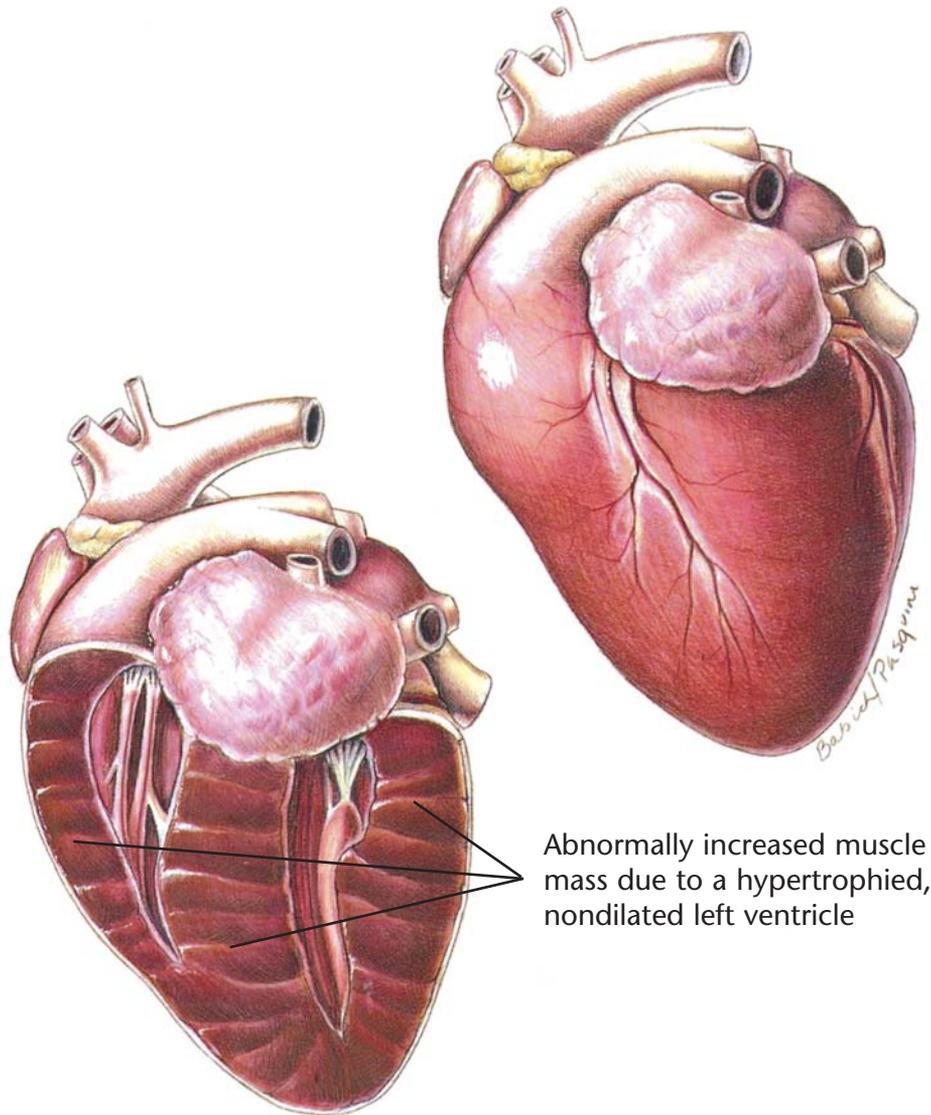
Dietary Plan

A diet that avoids excess levels of sodium

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Normal Feline Heart





Abnormally increased muscle mass due to a hypertrophied, nondilated left ventricle

Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Diagnostic Plan

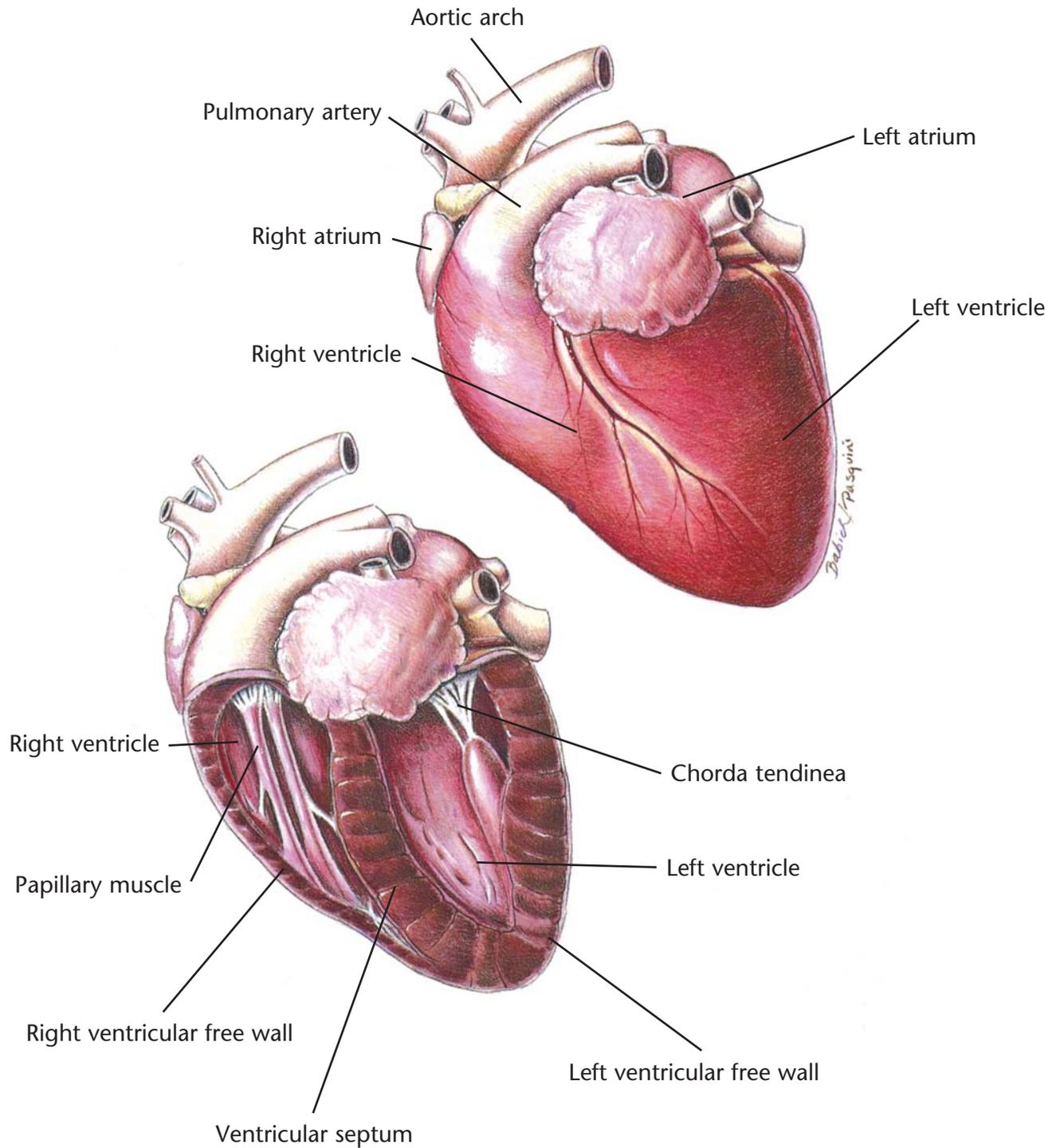
History
Physical examination
Chest auscultation
Palpation of femoral pulses and hindlimb musculature
Blood work
Urinalysis
Electrocardiography
Chest x-rays
Echocardiography
X-rays of the heart and abdominal blood vessels after dye injection

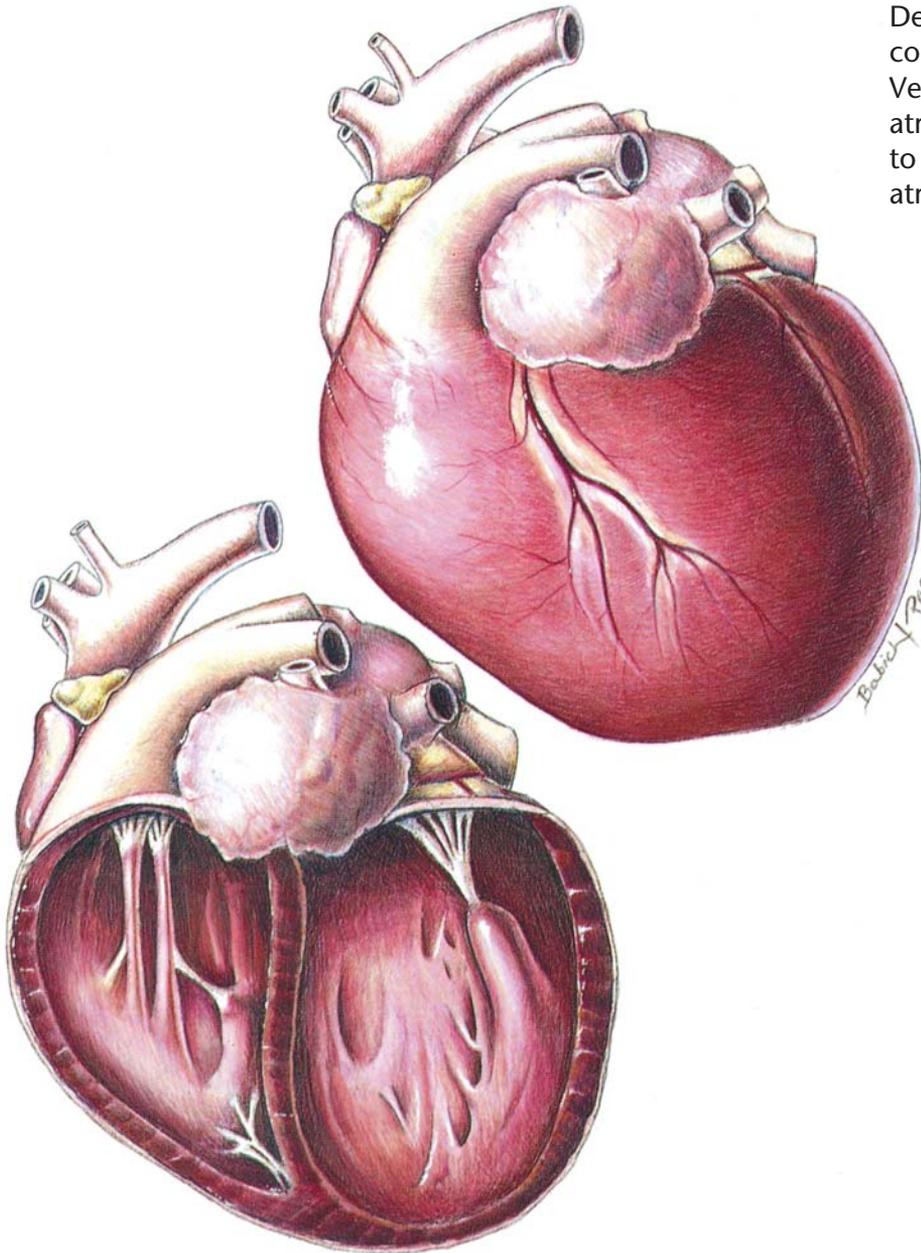
Therapeutic Plan

Enforced rest
Bronchodilators
Oxygen therapy
Removal of fluid from the chest and abdomen
Drugs that dilate blood vessels
Aspirin
Beta blockers
Heparin
Surgery

Dietary Plan

A diet that avoids excess levels of sodium





A globular heart with severe dilation of the four chambers. Depressed ventricular contractile performance occurs. Ventricular dilation distorts the atrioventricular valves leading to mitral regurgitation and atrial enlargement.

Feline Dilated Cardiomyopathy

Diagnostic Plan

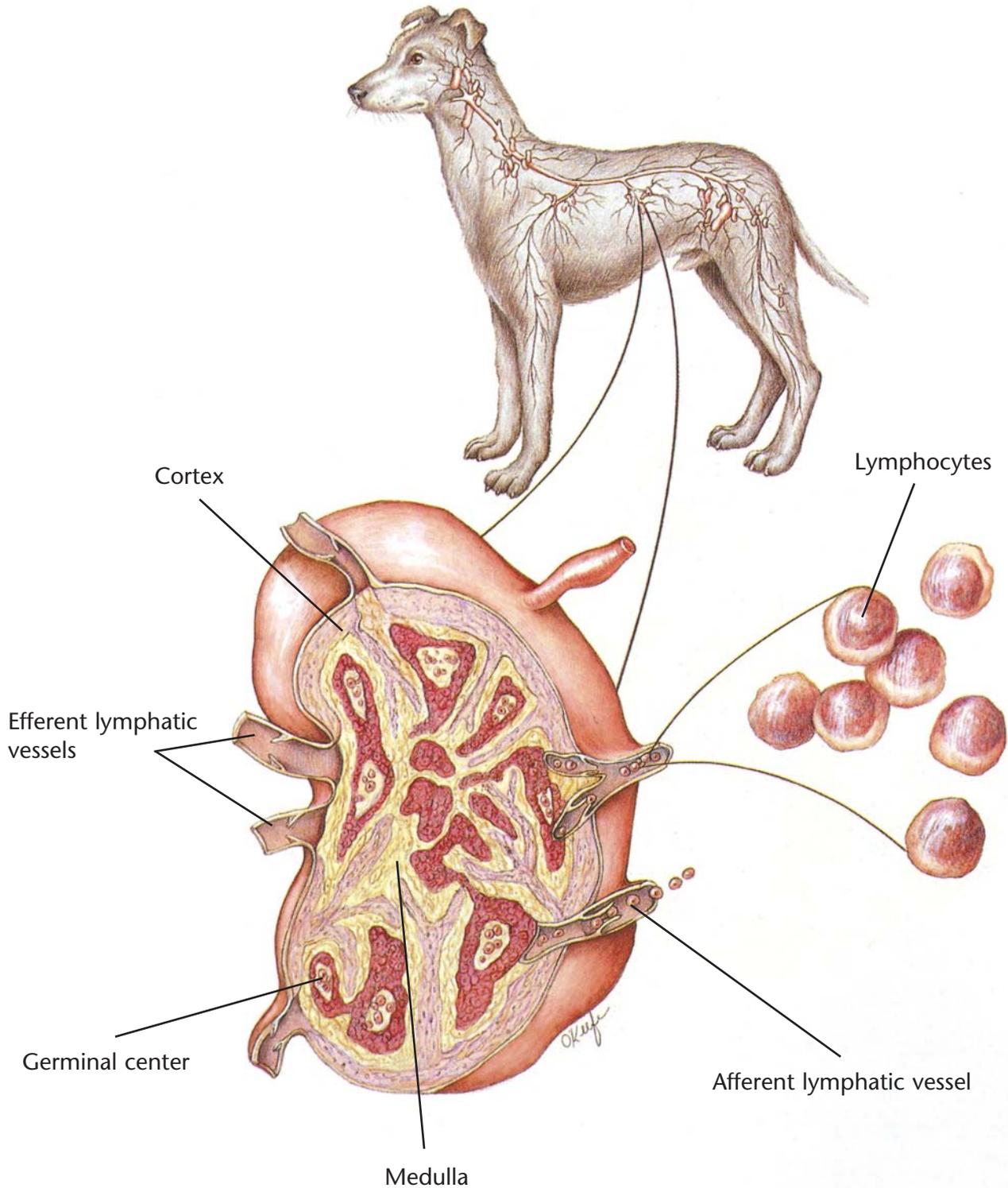
History
Physical examination
Chest auscultation
Palpation of femoral pulses and hindlimb musculature
Blood work
Urinalysis
Electrocardiography
Chest x-rays
Echocardiography
X-rays of the heart and abdominal blood vessels after dye injection
Plasma taurine analysis

Therapeutic Plan

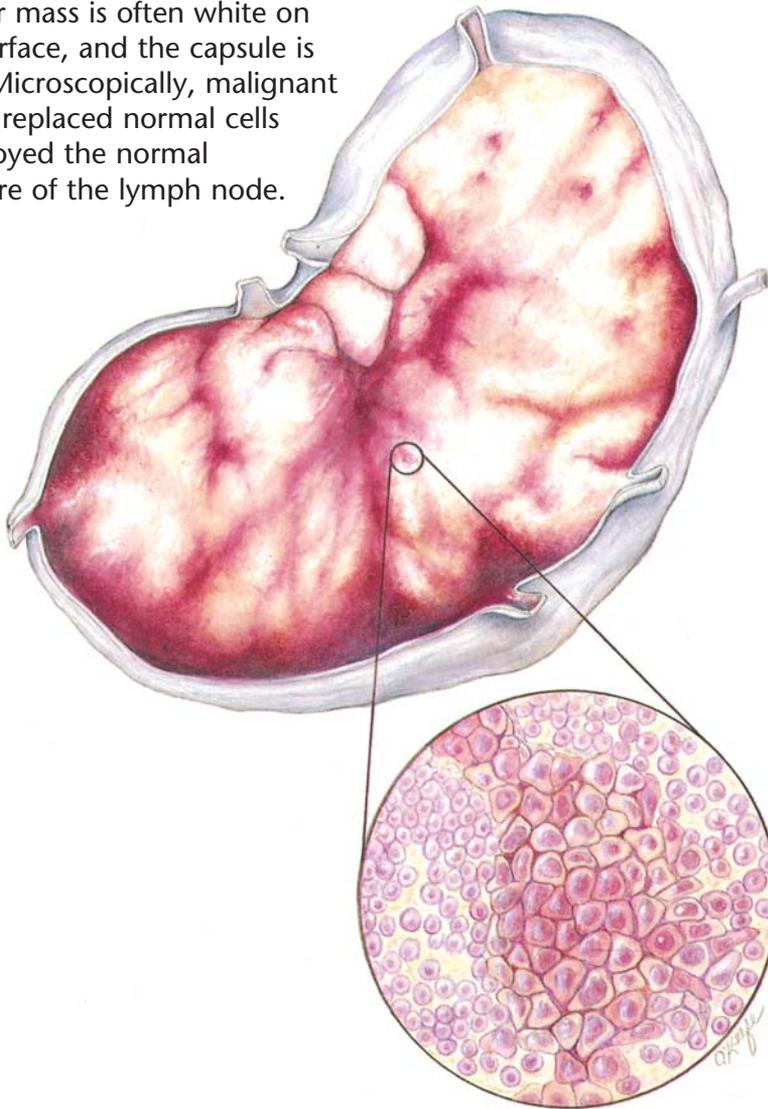
Enforced rest
Diuretics
Bronchodilators
Oxygen therapy
Removal of fluid from the chest and abdomen
Drugs that dilate blood vessels
Drugs that strengthen the heart
Heparin
Surgery

Dietary Plan

A diet that contains adequate levels of taurine and avoids excess levels of sodium



The tumor mass is often white on the cut surface, and the capsule is thinned. Microscopically, malignant cells have replaced normal cells and destroyed the normal architecture of the lymph node.



Lymphosarcoma

Diagnostic Plan

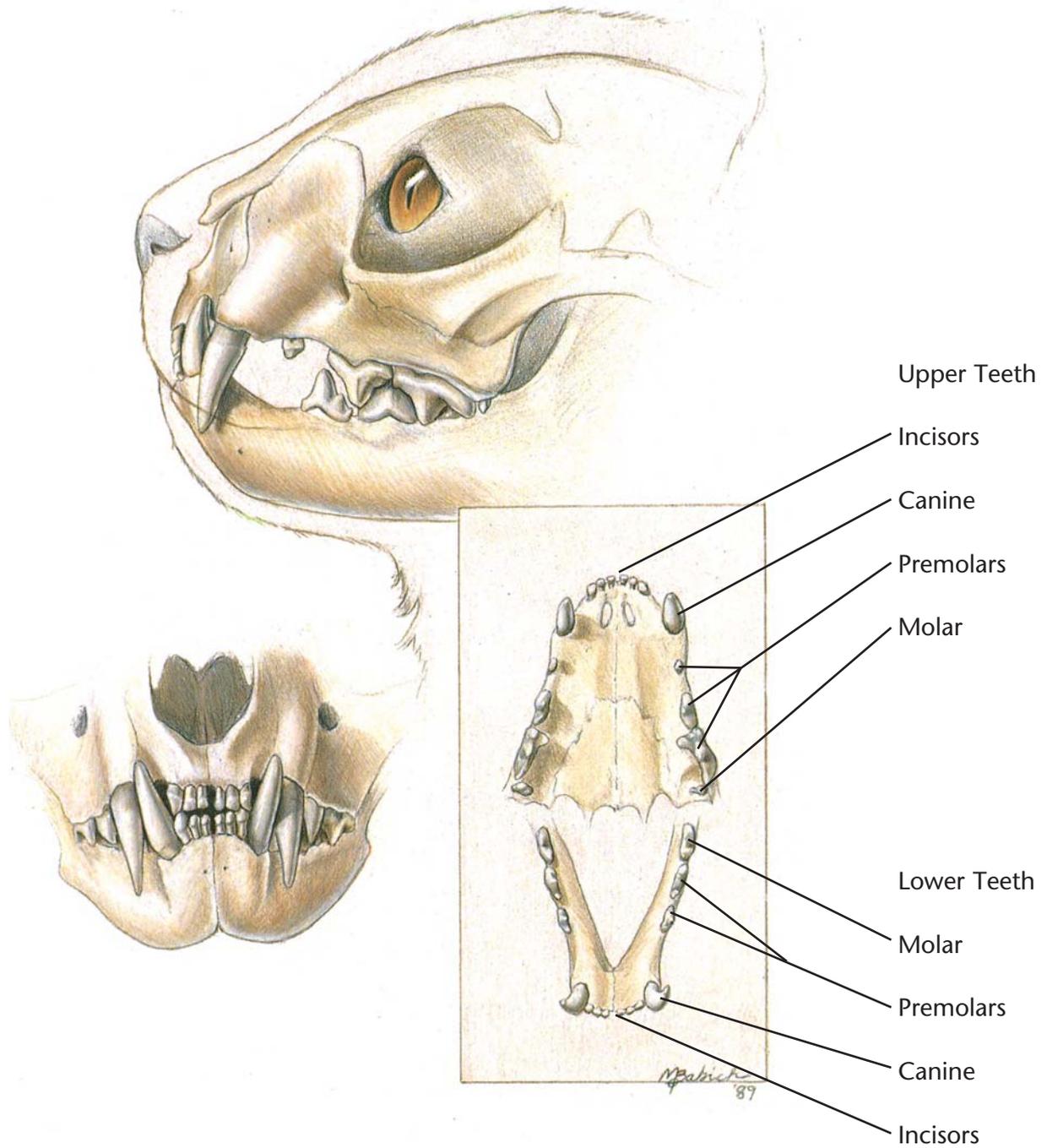
- History
- Physical examination
- Blood work
- FeLV test (for cats)
- X-rays
- Urinalysis
- Biopsy of tissue
- Cell studies
- Endoscopy
- Exploratory surgery
- Examinations of chest and abdominal fluid
- Bone marrow biopsy
- Cerebral spine fluid examination

Therapeutic Plan

- Supportive therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Surgical excision
- Radiation

Dietary Plan

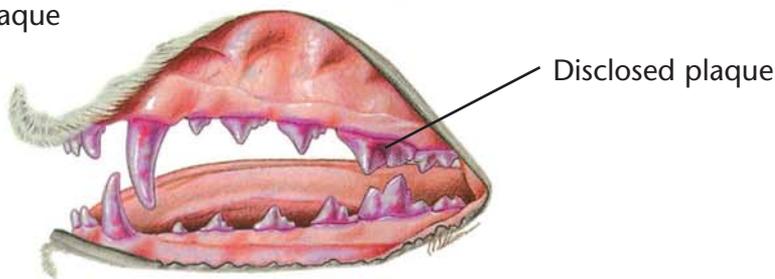
A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



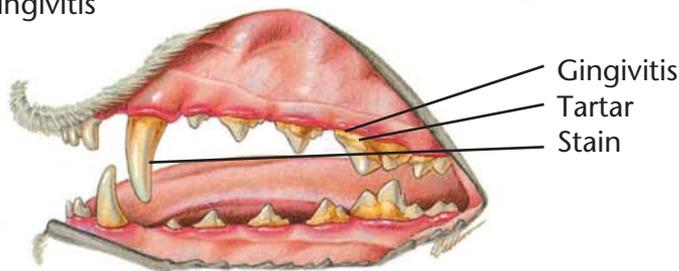
Normal Dental Examination



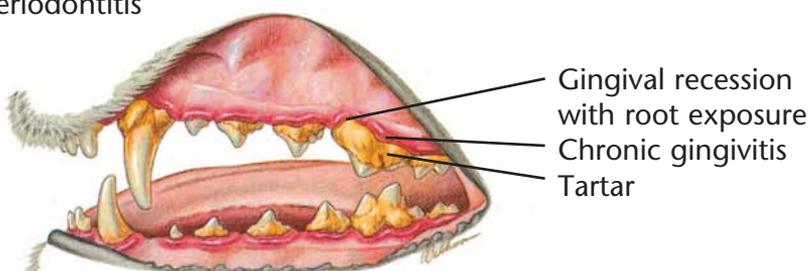
Plaque



Gingivitis



Periodontitis



Periodontal Disease

Diagnostic Plan

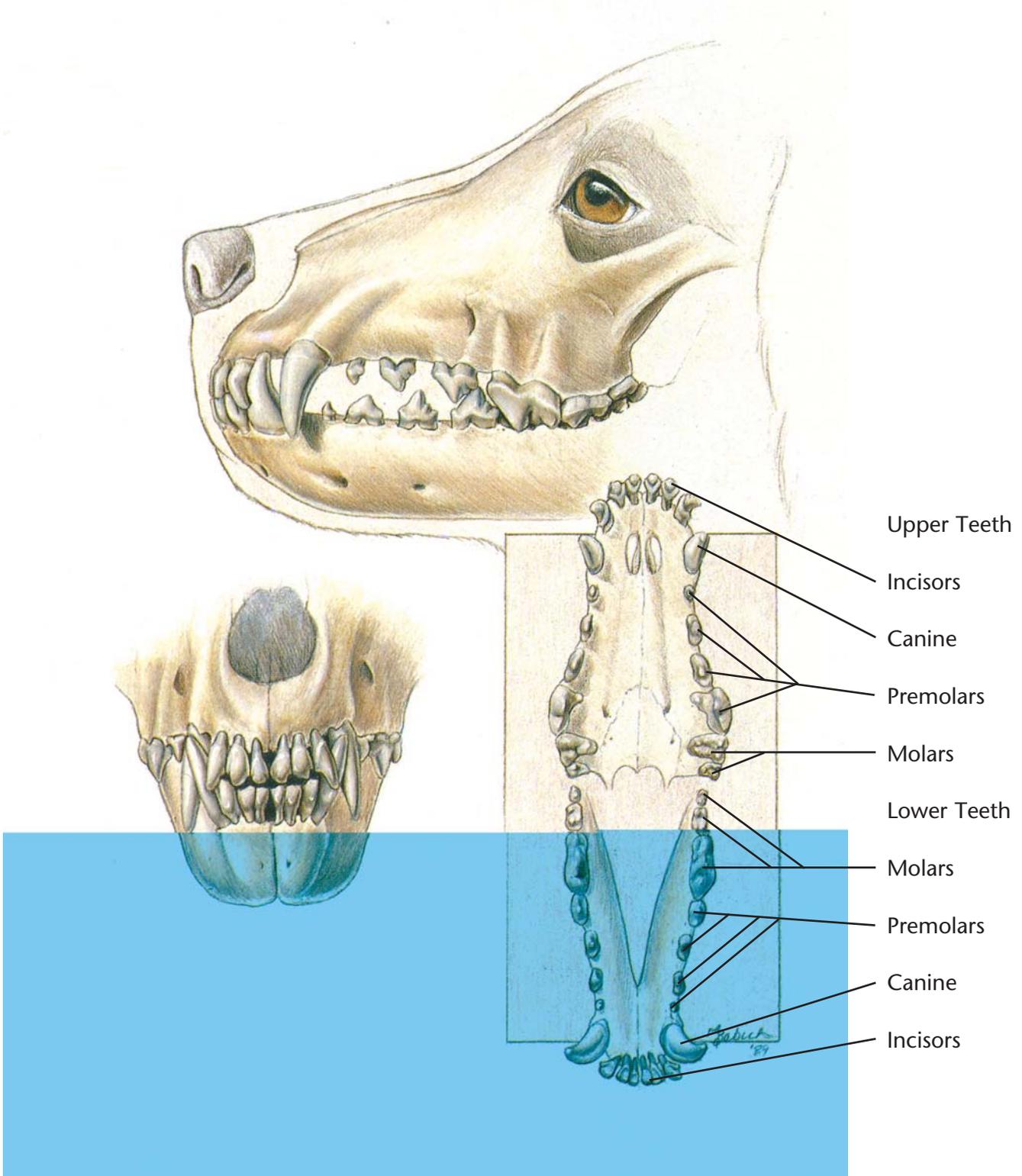
History
Physical examination
Oral examination
Dental x-rays

Therapeutic Plan

Tooth scaling above and below the gumline
Tooth polishing
Extraction
Surgery
Antibacterials
Tooth brushing

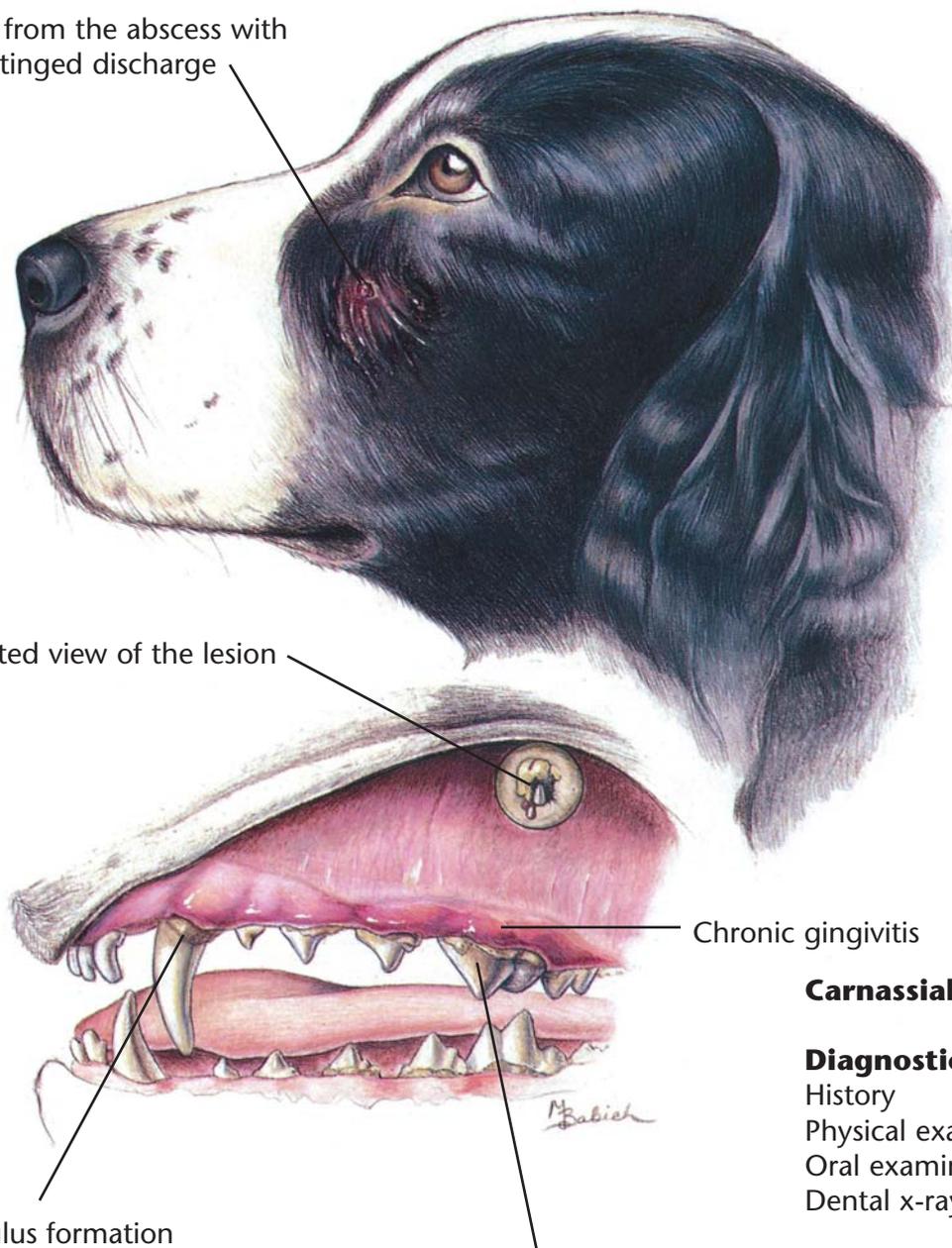
Dietary Plan

Postsurgery or extractions, a food with nutritional characteristics that support tissue repair. A soft food may minimize postprocedural discomfort. Long term, a food with formulation and texture that slows the accumulation of plaque and tartar.



Fistula from the abscess with blood-tinged discharge

Dissected view of the lesion



Chronic gingivitis

Calculus formation

Carnassial tooth

Carnassial Tooth Abscess

Diagnostic Plan

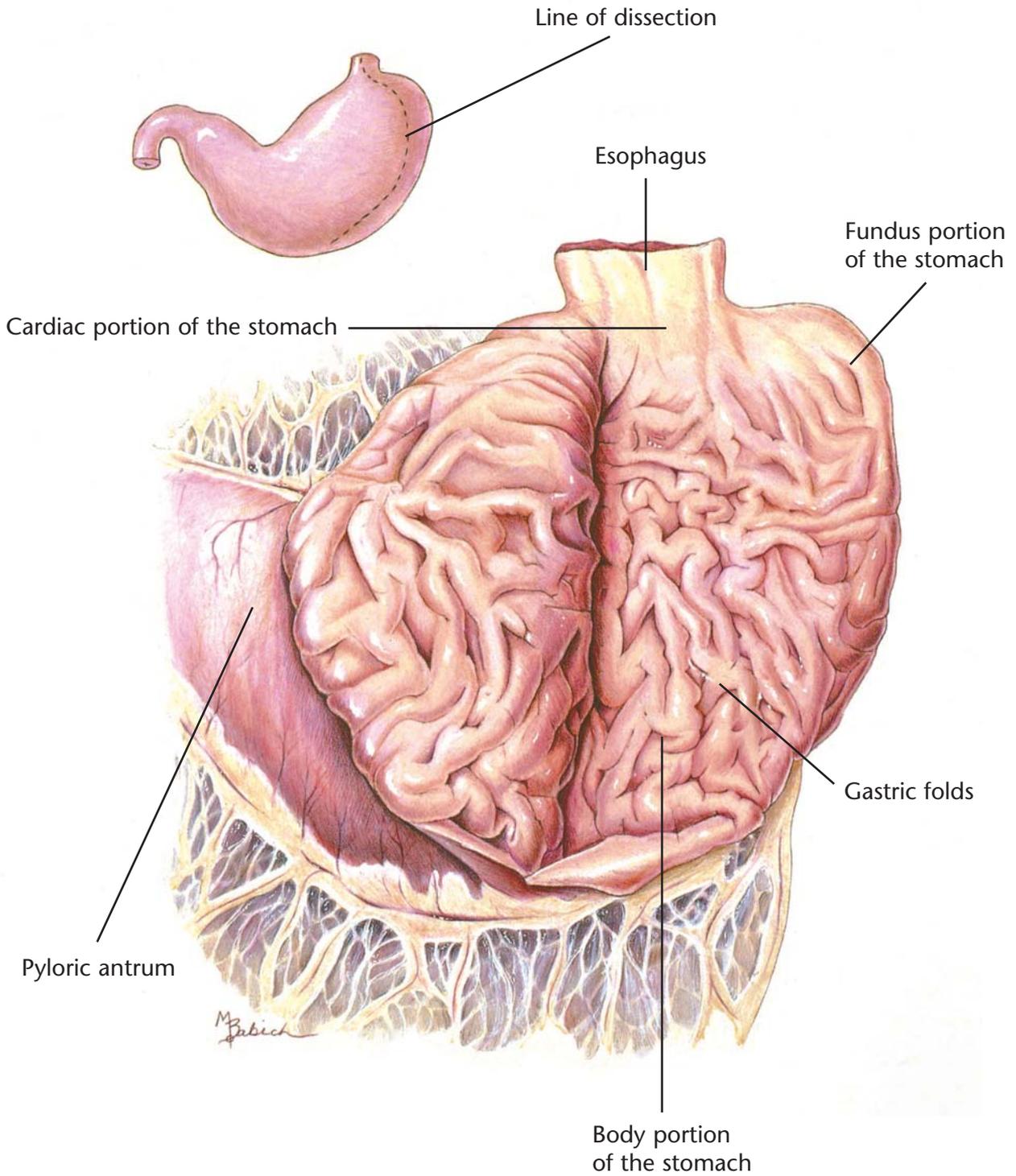
History
Physical examination
Oral examination
Dental x-rays

Therapeutic Plan

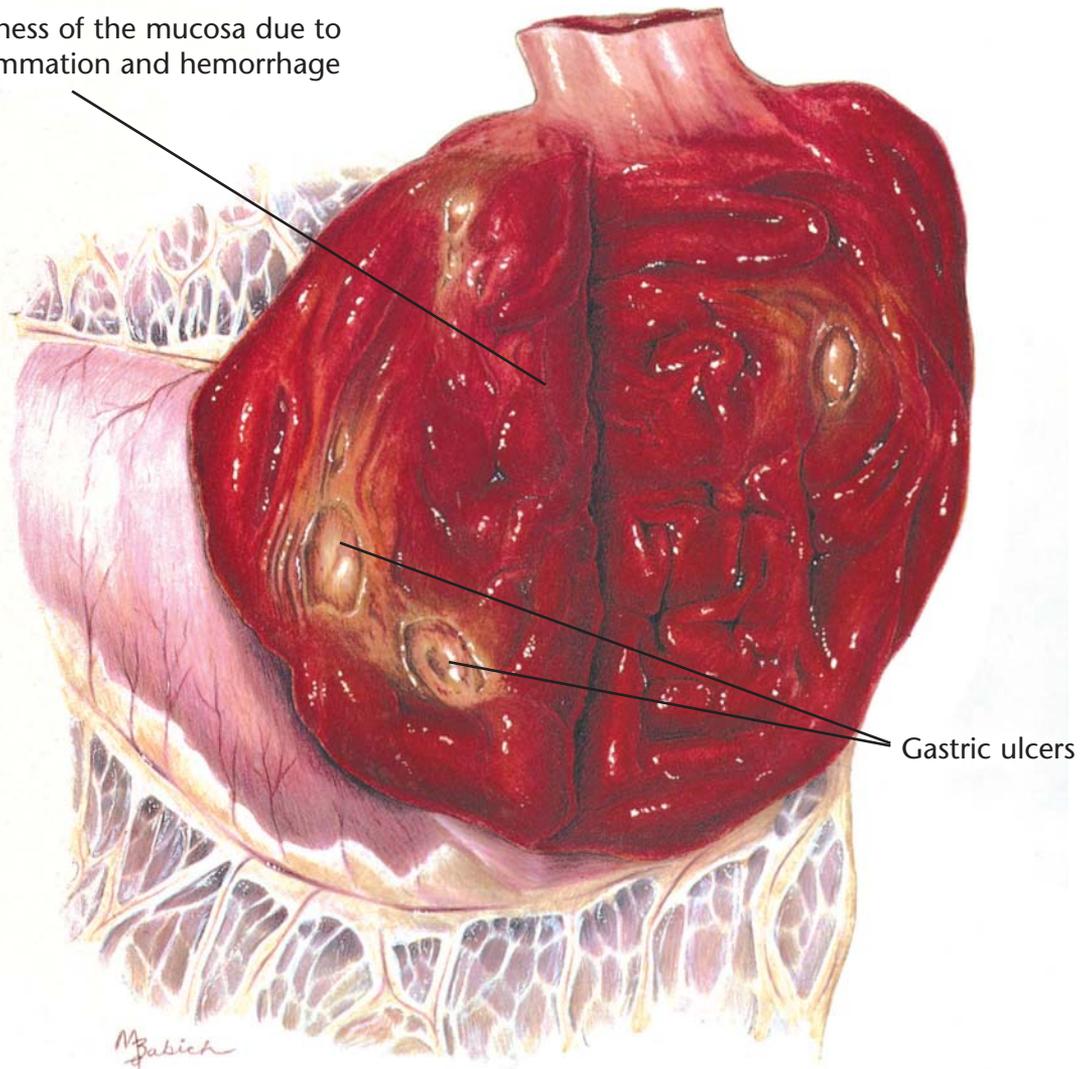
Tooth extraction
Root canals
Antibiotics

Dietary Plan

A diet based on overall patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement
A soft diet may minimize postsurgical pain



Diffuse redness of the mucosa due to active inflammation and hemorrhage



Gastric ulcers

Hemorrhagic Gastritis with Ulcers

Diagnostic Plan

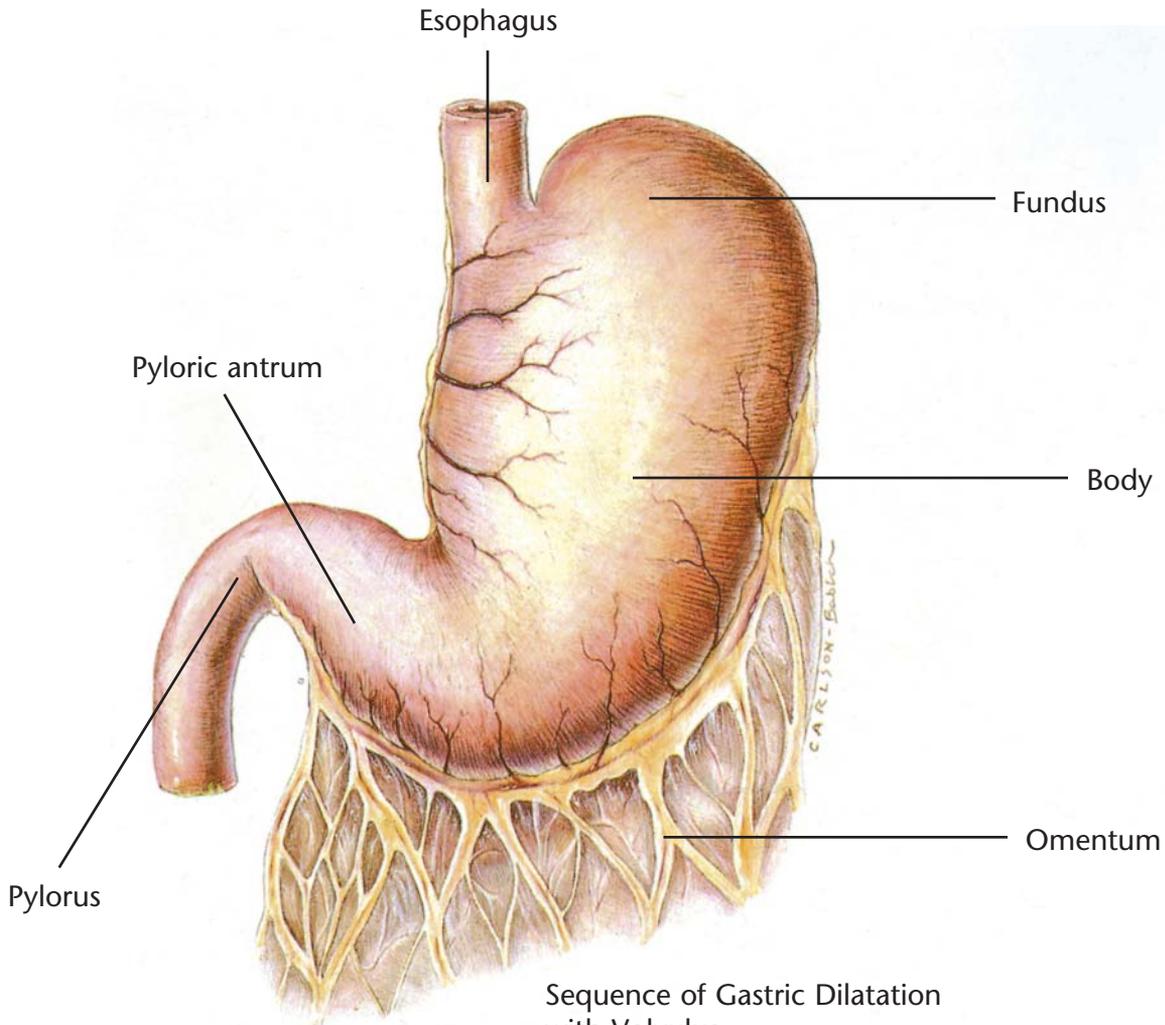
History
Physical examination
Blood work
Stool check for blood
Stool check for parasites
Urinalysis
X-rays of the stomach
Endoscopy
Gastric fluid analysis
Gastric biopsy

Therapeutic Plan

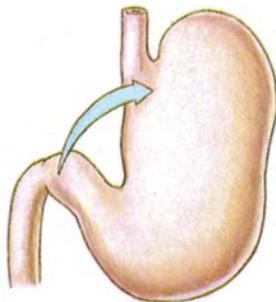
Nothing orally for 12 to 24 hours
Fluid therapy
Gastric lavage
Antiemetic drugs
Whole blood
Drugs to inhibit gastric acid secretion
Surgery

Dietary Plan

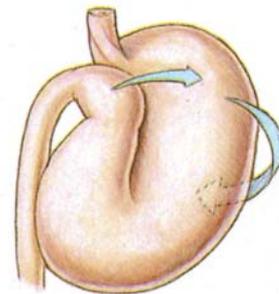
A diet based on overall patient evaluation including body condition and other organ systems
A diet with moderate protein and moderate to low levels of fat and fiber to minimize dietary-induced delays in gastric emptying
For pets with gastritis caused by food allergy, a hypoallergenic diet



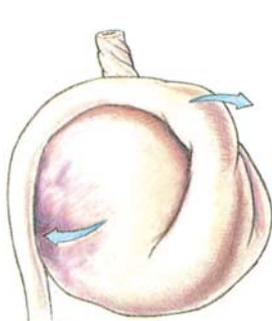
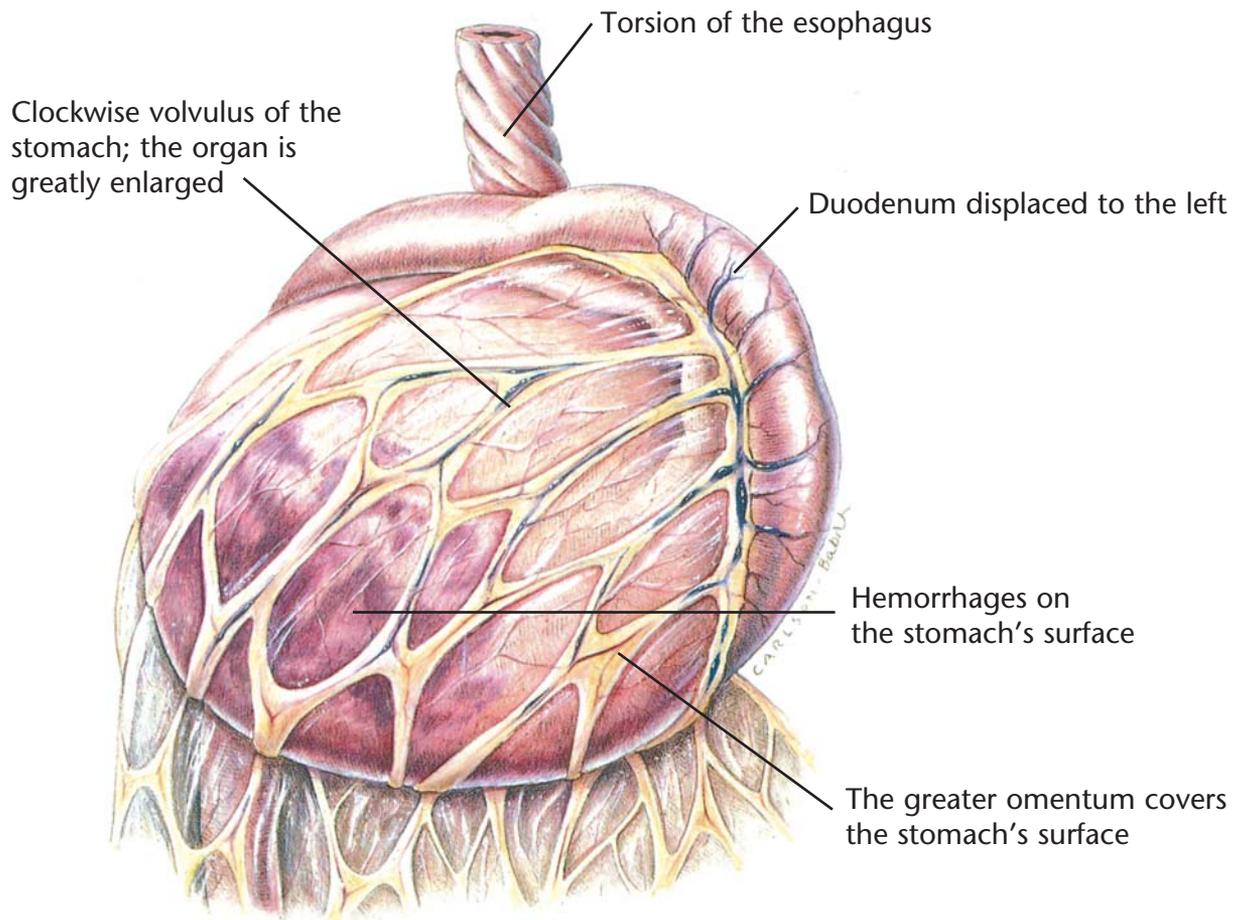
Clockwise rotation as viewed from a ventral position



The pyloric antrum is displaced downward.



The pylorus crosses the midline, passes underneath the distended proximal part of stomach, and moves upward along the left abdominal wall.



The gastric fundus moves ventrally and becomes located in the ventral abdomen.



The continuing gastric dilatation displaces the greater curvature ventrally.

Gastric Dilatation with Volvulus

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- X-ray of the stomach
- Blood work

Therapeutic Plan

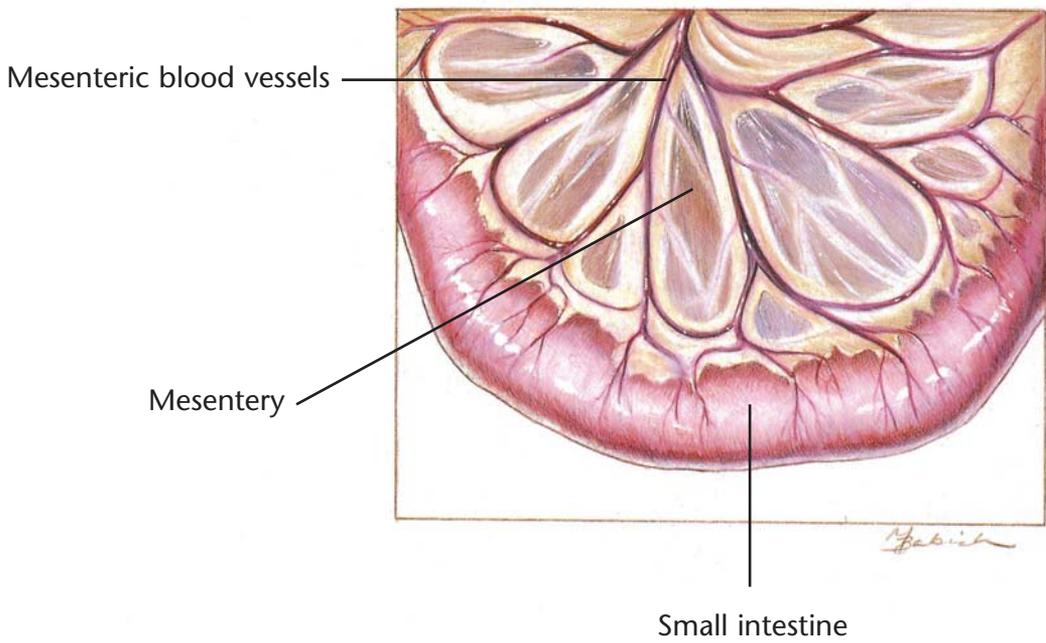
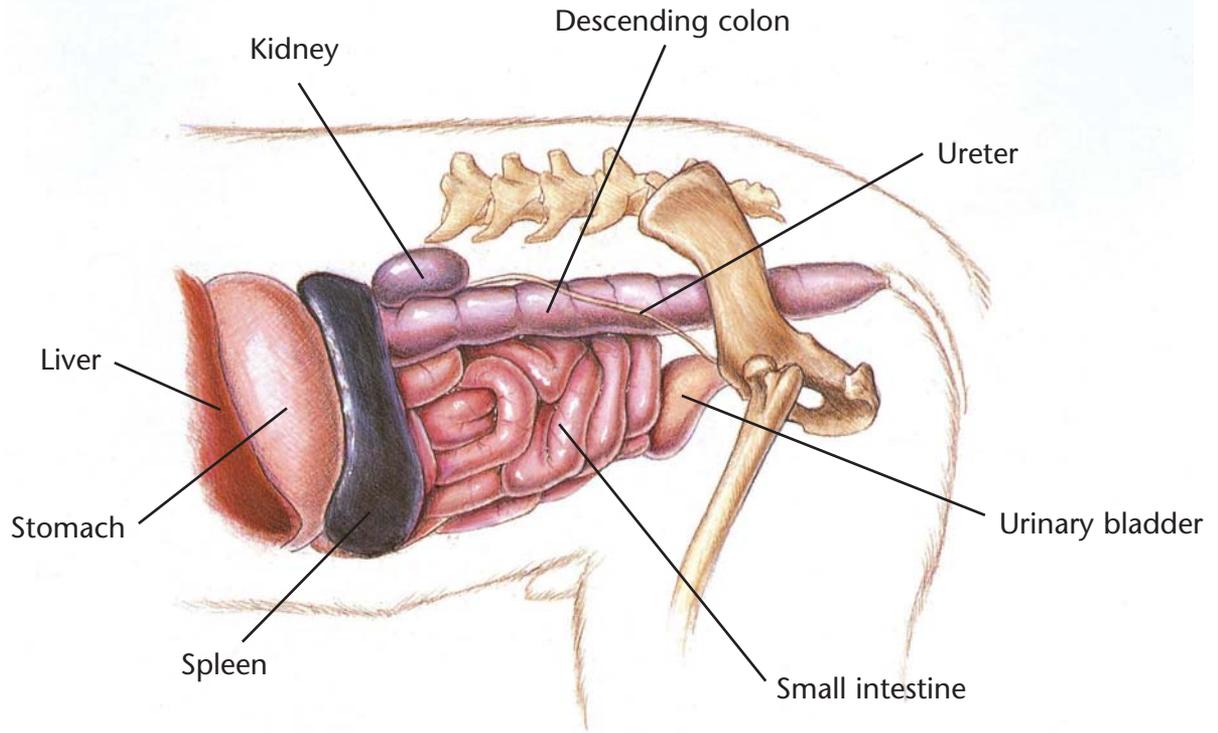
- Stomach distention relief
- Shock therapy
- Surgery

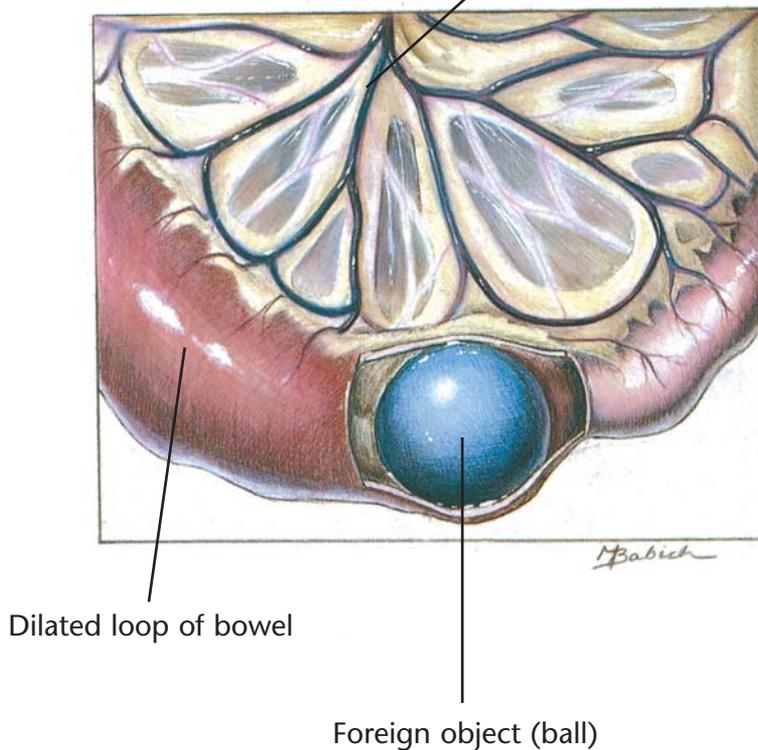
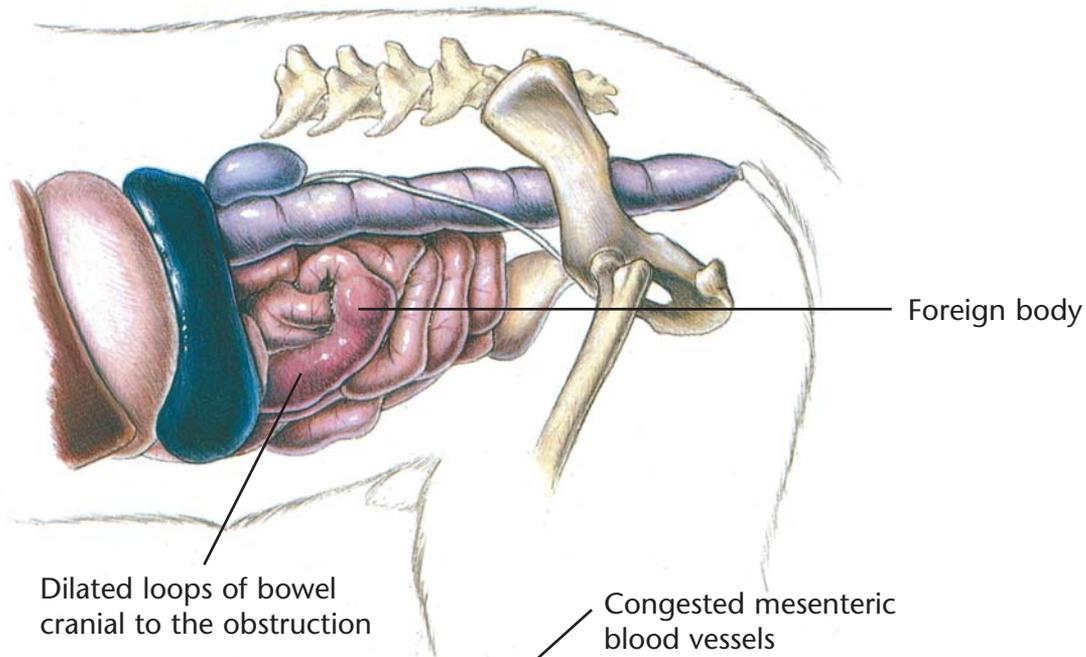
Dietary Plan

- A low-residue diet, fed in small portions
- Avoid excessive postprandial exercise

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Normal Small Intestine





Foreign Bodies

Diagnostic Plan

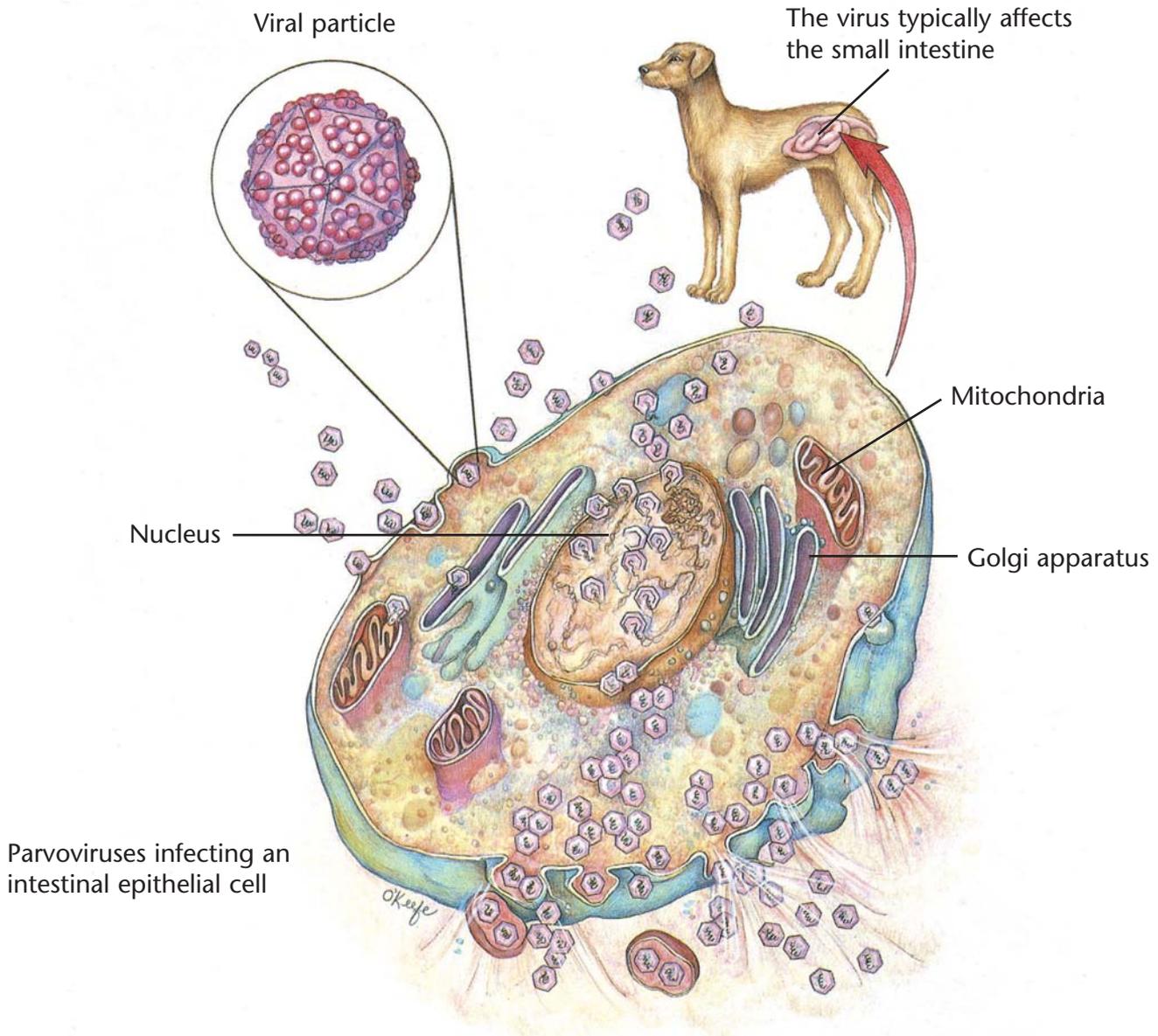
History
Physical examination
Abdominal palpation
Abdominal x-rays
Upper G.I. series
Stool analysis
Blood tests
Urinalysis
Endoscopy

Therapeutic Plan

Fluid therapy
Antibacterials
Surgery (to remove foreign bodies)
Nothing by mouth for 24-48 hours

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a low-residue diet fed in small portions
Consider overall patient condition when determining the protein level and caloric density of the diet



Parvoviral Enteritis

Diagnostic Plan

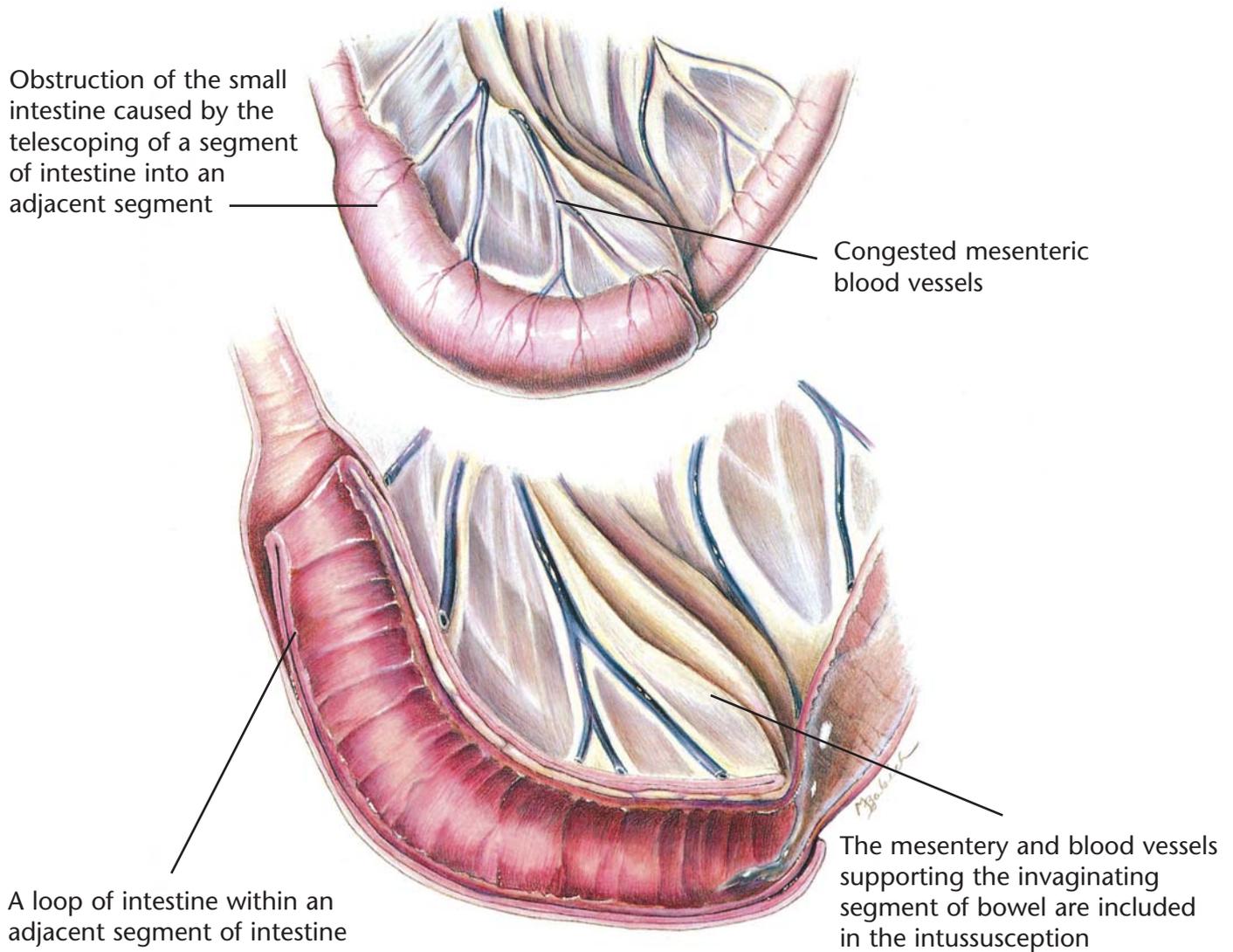
History
 Physical examination
 Stool analysis
 Blood tests
 Urinalysis
 Abdominal x-rays
 Upper G.I. series
 Endoscopy with tissue biopsy

Therapeutic Plan

Nothing by mouth
 Fluid therapy
 Intestinal protectants
 Antibacterials
 Analgesics

Dietary Plan

A highly digestible diet
 Consider overall patient condition when determining the protein level and caloric density of the diet



Intussusception

Diagnostic Plan

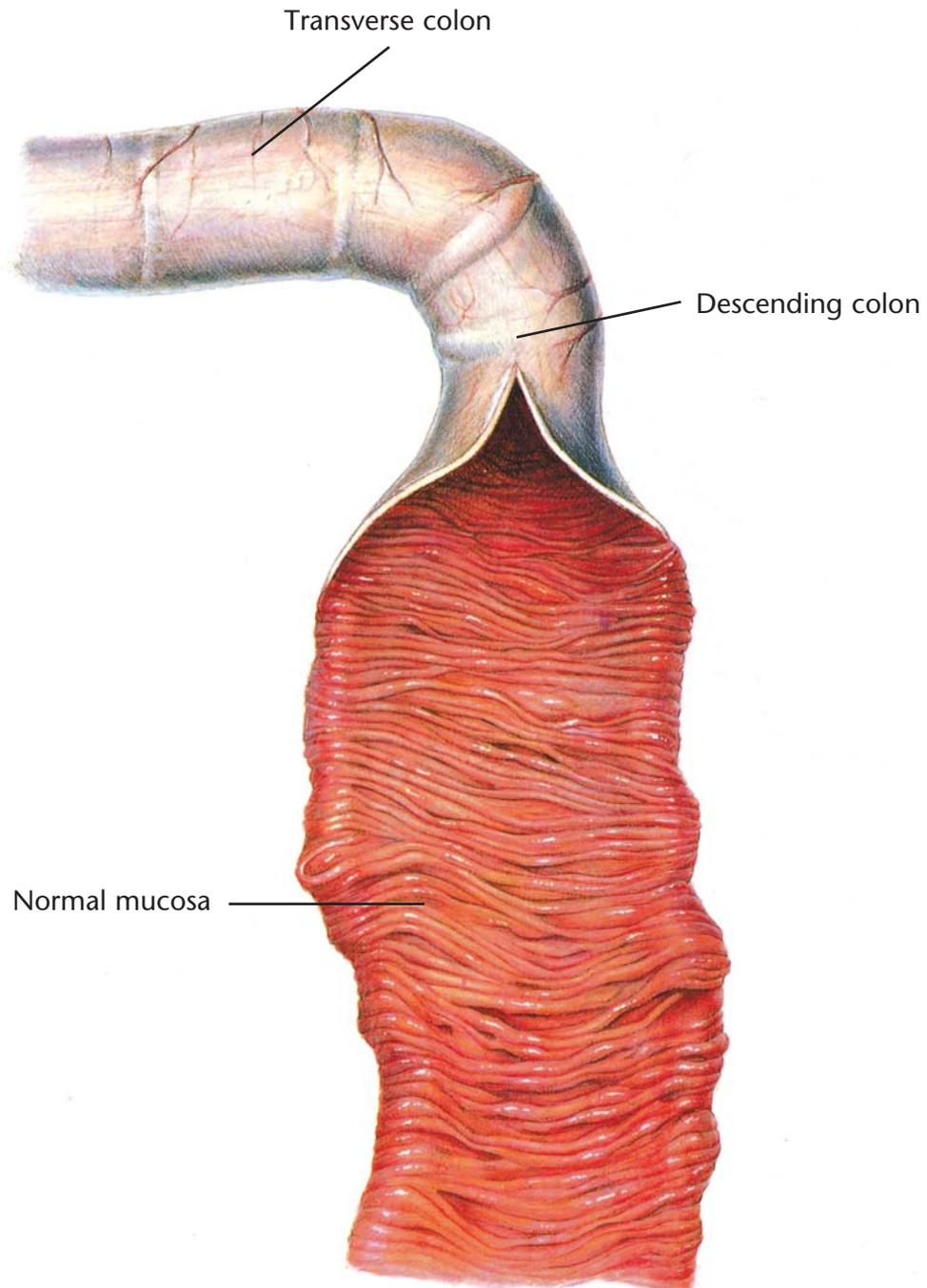
History
Physical examination
Abdominal palpation
Abdominal x-rays

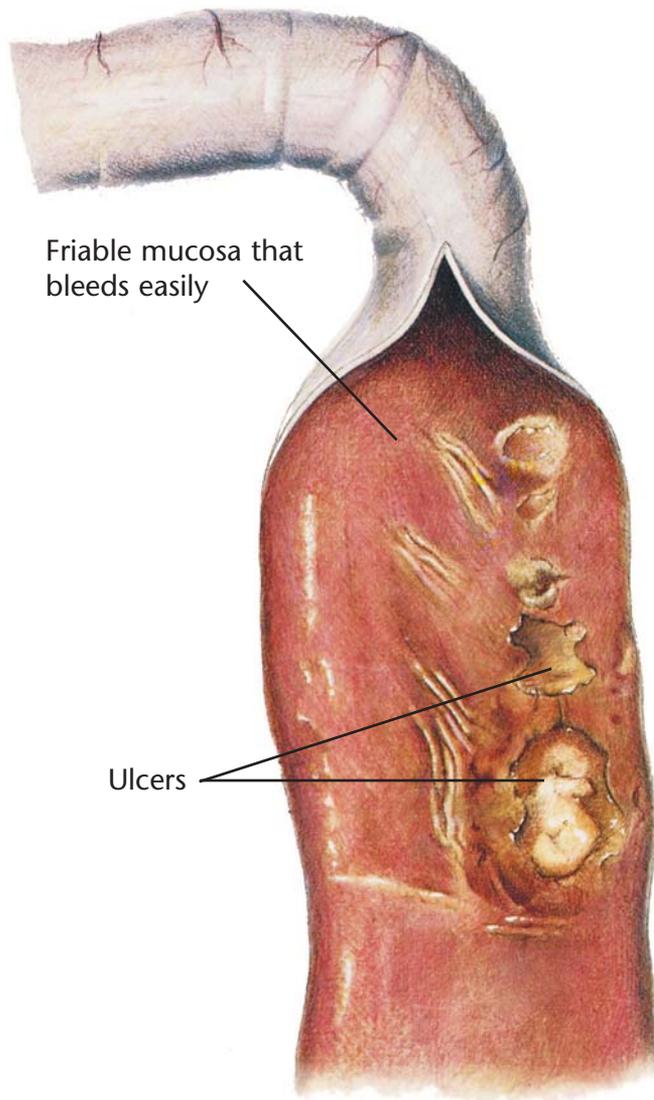
Therapeutic Plan

Fluid therapy
Surgery
Removal of the cause
Nothing by mouth

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a low-residue diet fed in small portions
Consider overall patient condition when determining the protein level and caloric density of the diet





Chronic Colitis

Diagnostic Plan

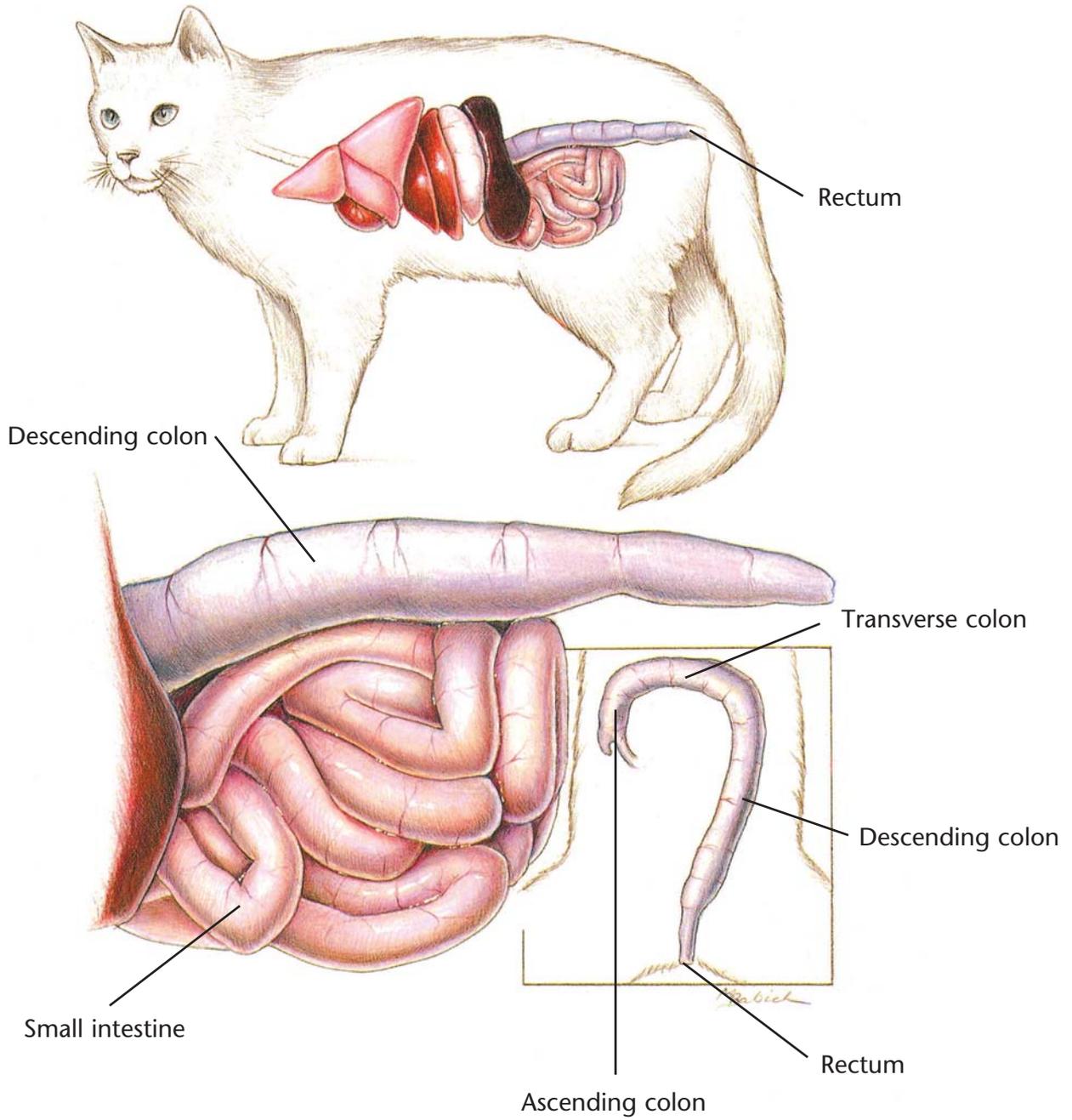
History
Physical examination
Stool analysis
Abdominal palpation
Rectal palpation
Stool culture
Blood work
Urinalysis
X-rays of the colon
Colonoscopy and biopsy

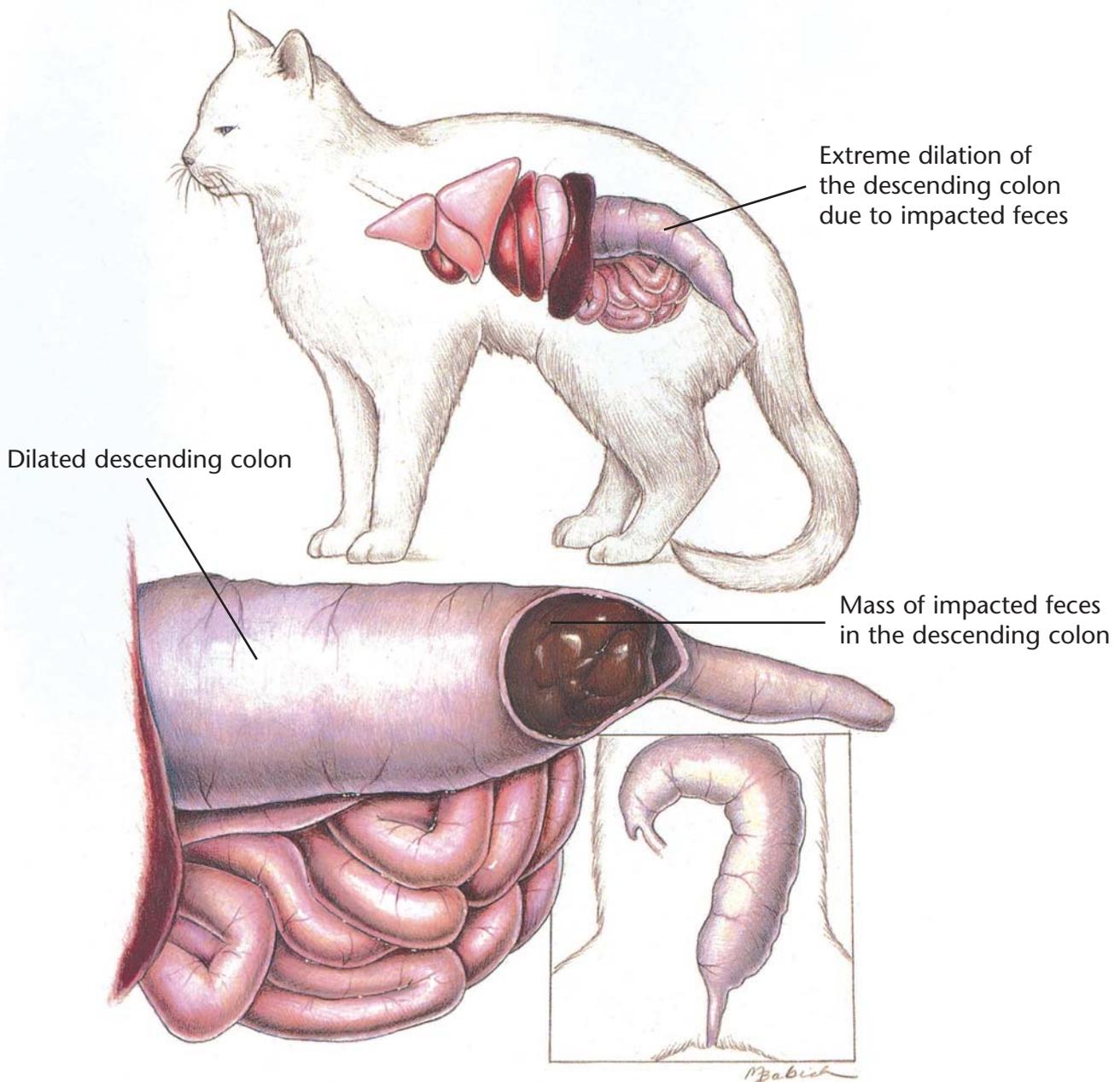
Therapeutic Plan

Antibacterials
Dewormers
Anti-inflammatory drugs

Dietary Plan

High-fiber diets benefit some cases of colitis
If a high-fiber diet is ineffective, a dietary trial using a low-residue diet is indicated
For a food-allergy-induced colitis, a hypoallergenic diet is indicated





Constipation/Colonic Impaction

Diagnostic Plan

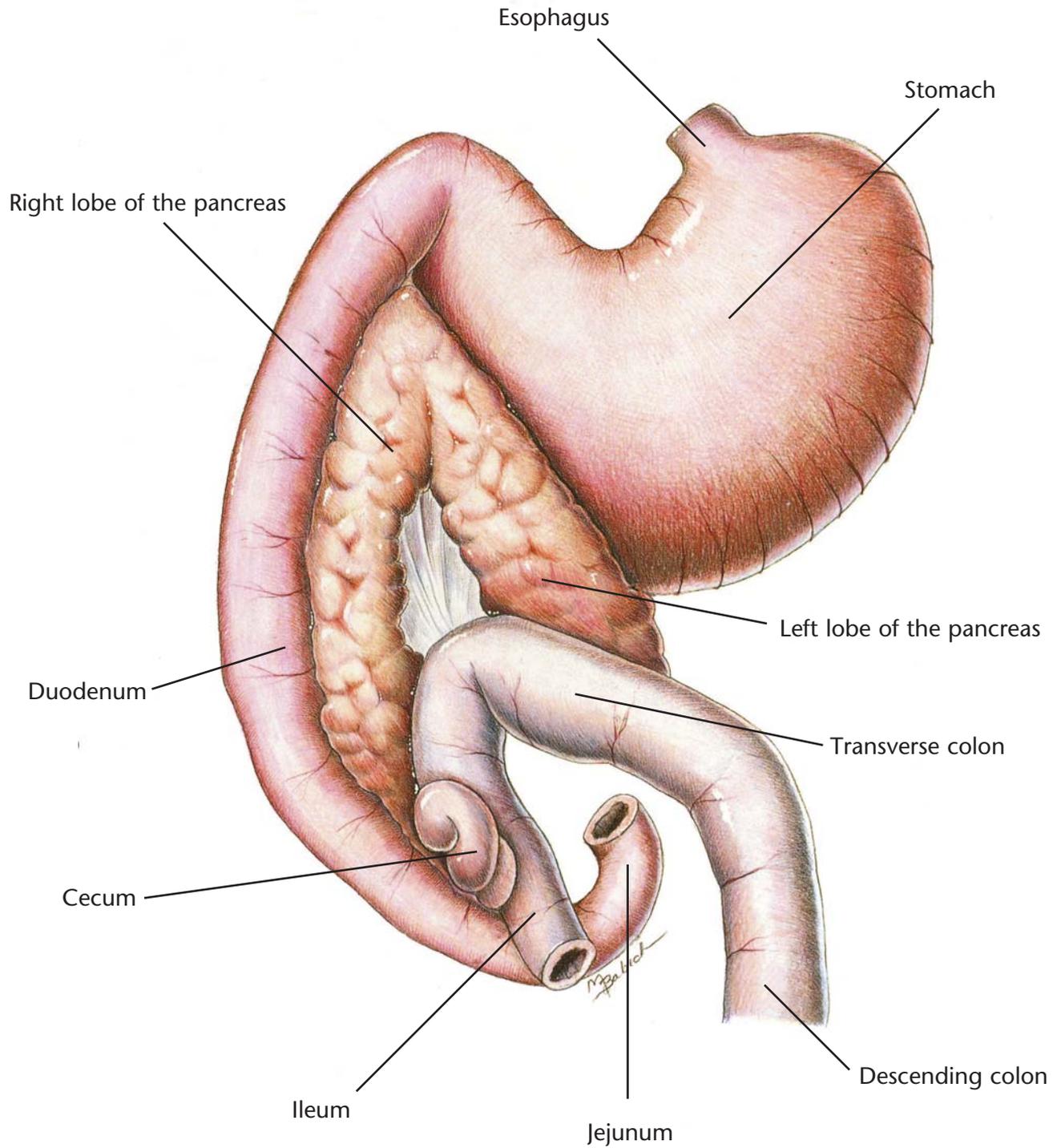
History
Physical examination
Rectal palpation
Abdominal palpation
Abdominal x-rays

Therapeutic Plan

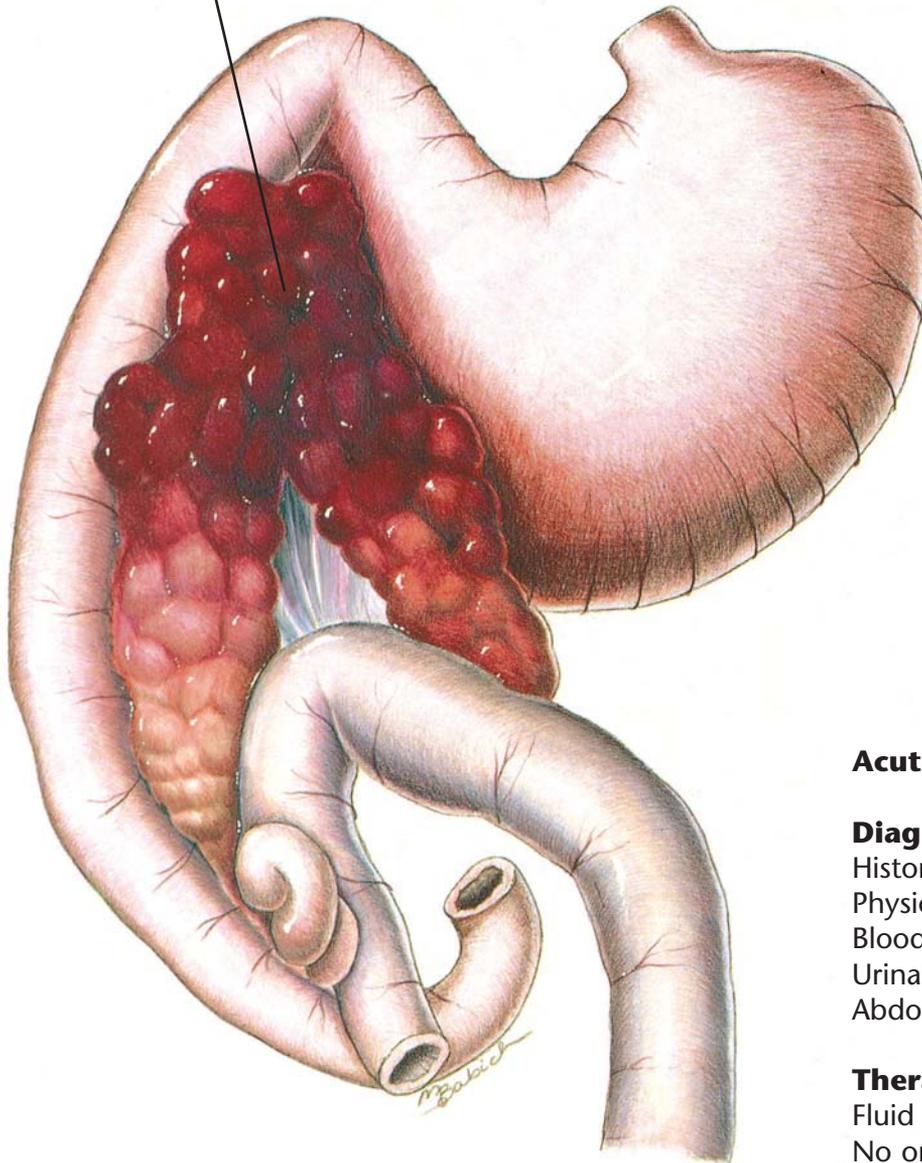
Fluid therapy
Laxatives
Enemas
Manual removal of impacted stool
Surgery
Treat primary cause, if possible
Stool softeners
Pro-motility medication

Dietary Plan

A moderate- to high-fiber diet if no neurologic or obstructive lesions; chronic cases may benefit from low residue food
Ensure adequate water intake



Swollen, inflamed pancreas with areas of hemorrhage



Acute Pancreatitis

Diagnostic Plan

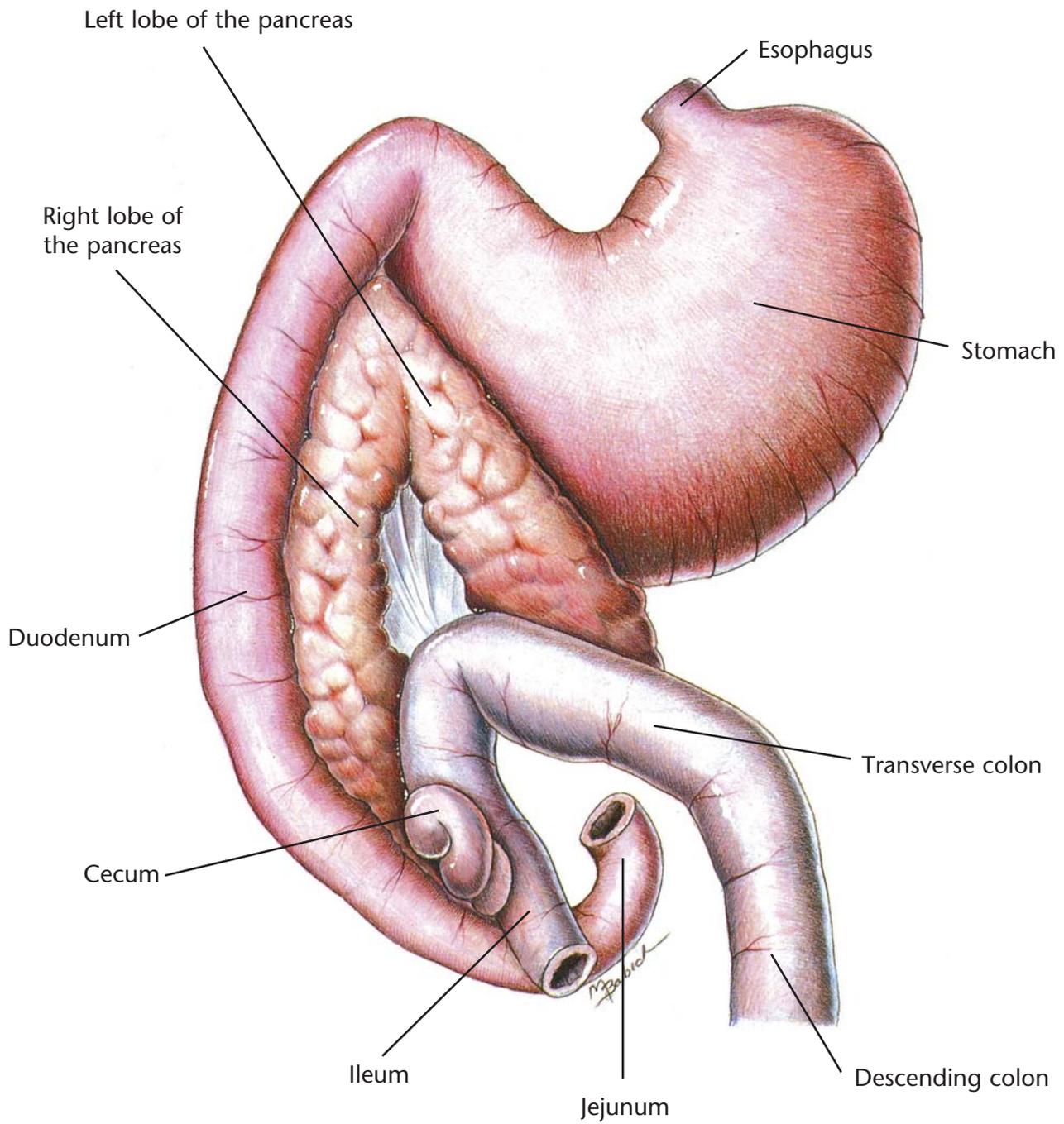
History
Physical examination
Blood work
Urinalysis
Abdominal x-rays

Therapeutic Plan

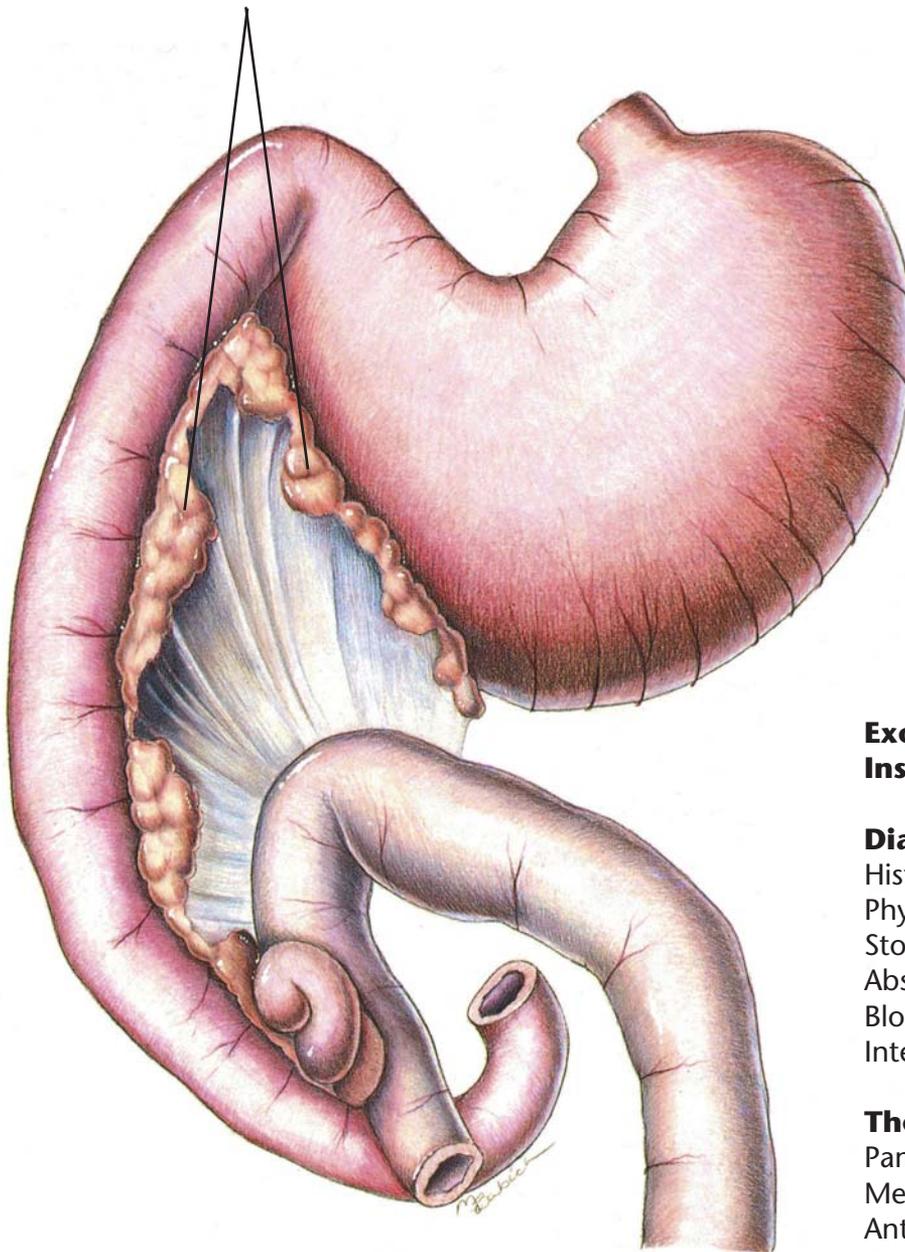
Fluid therapy
No oral medication or food
Antibacterials
Drugs to suppress vomiting
Analgesics

Dietary Plan

When resuming enteral nutrition,
small portions of a diet low in
fat and residue
After the initial episode, manage
hyperlipidemia, if necessary



Shrunken pancreatic lobes with
reduced production of digestive enzymes



Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Stool analysis
Absorption tests
Blood work
Intestinal biopsy

Therapeutic Plan

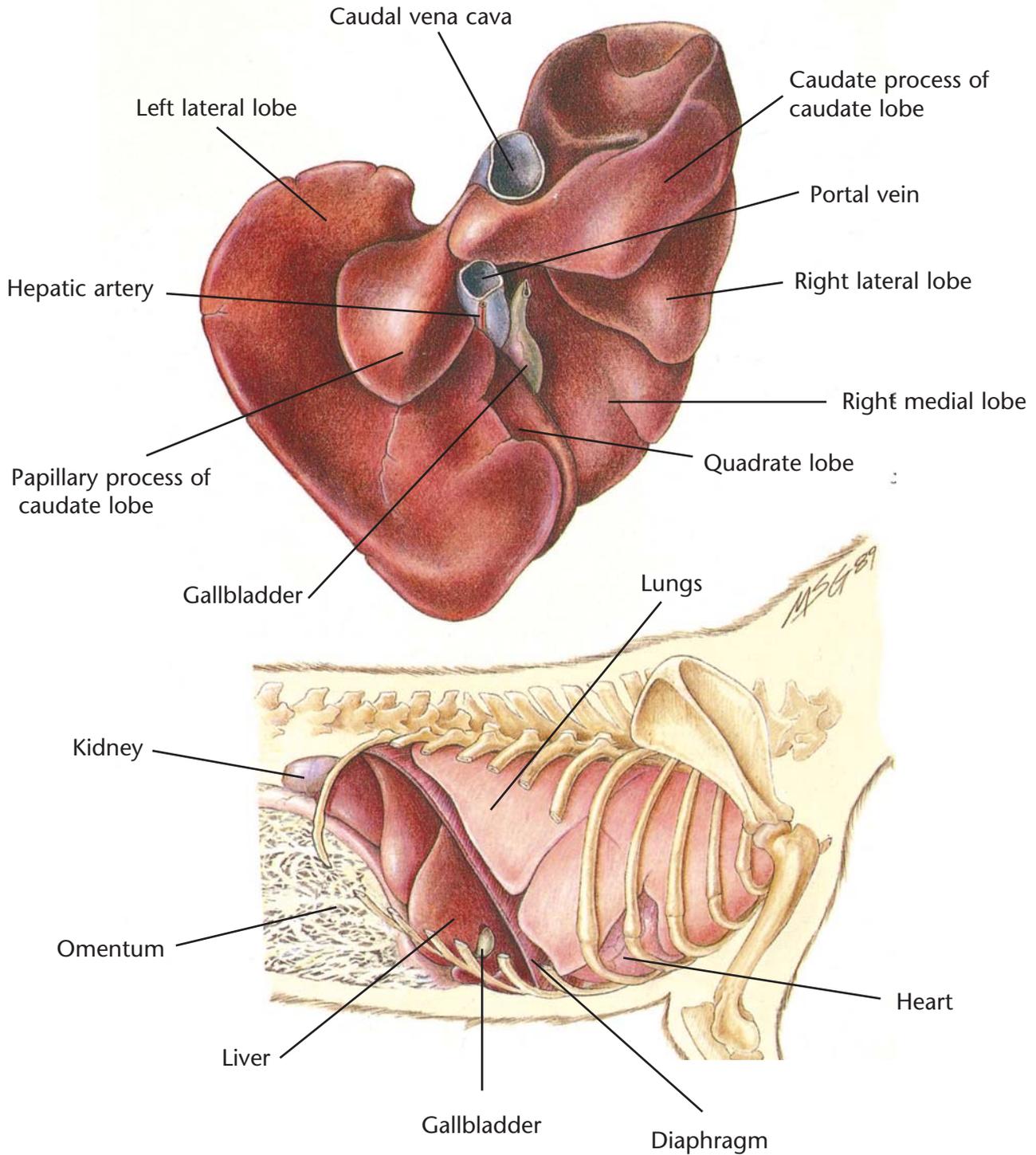
Pancreatic enzymes
Medium-chain fats
Antacids
Drugs that inhibit
acid secretion in the stomach

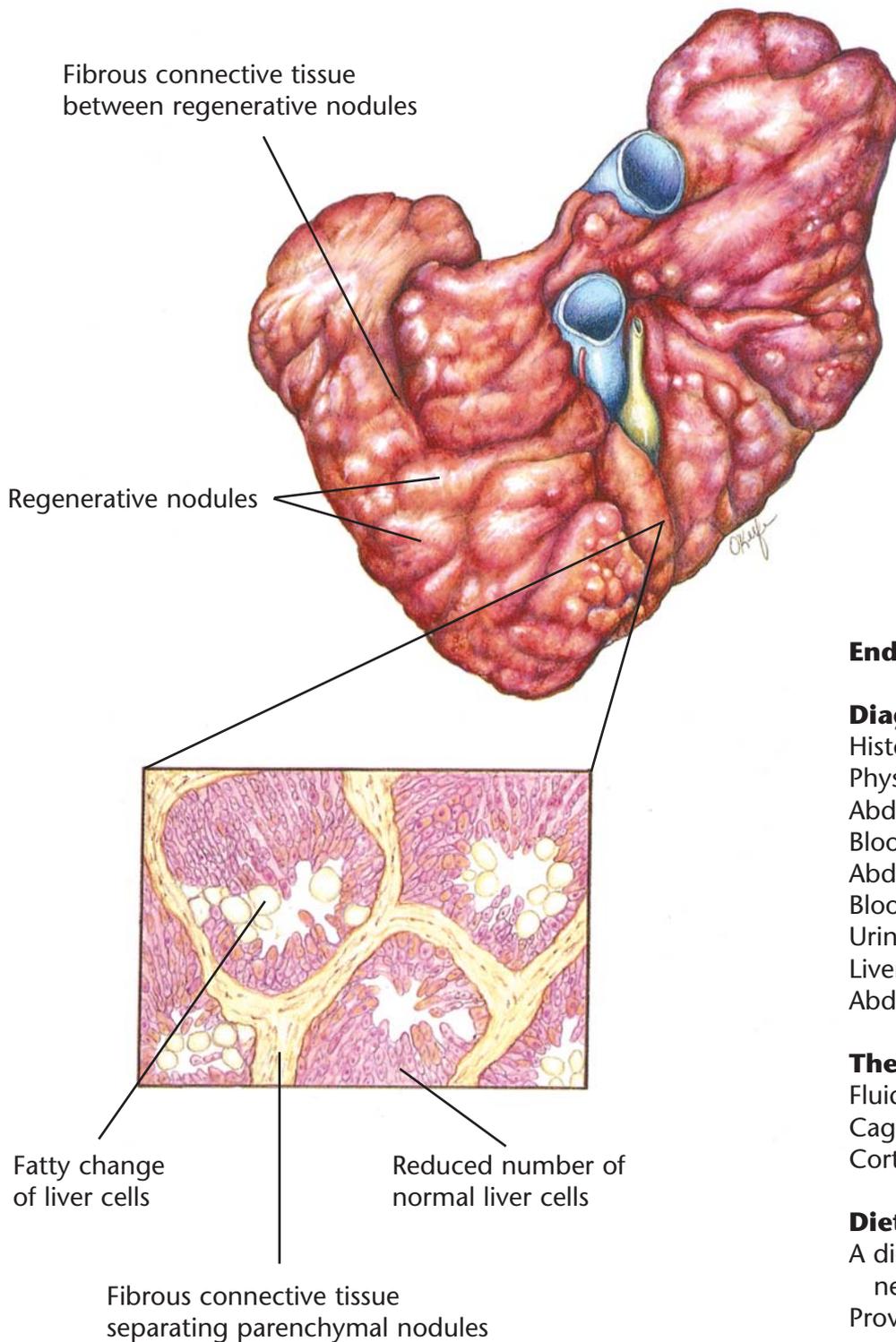
Dietary Plan

A highly digestible diet
Consider overall body condition
Feed quantities sufficient to
maintain normal body weight
Avoid excess fat

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Normal Liver





End-Stage Liver Disease

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Abdominal palpation
- Blood work
- Abdominal x-rays
- Blood clotting time
- Urinalysis
- Liver biopsy
- Abdominal ultrasonography

Therapeutic Plan

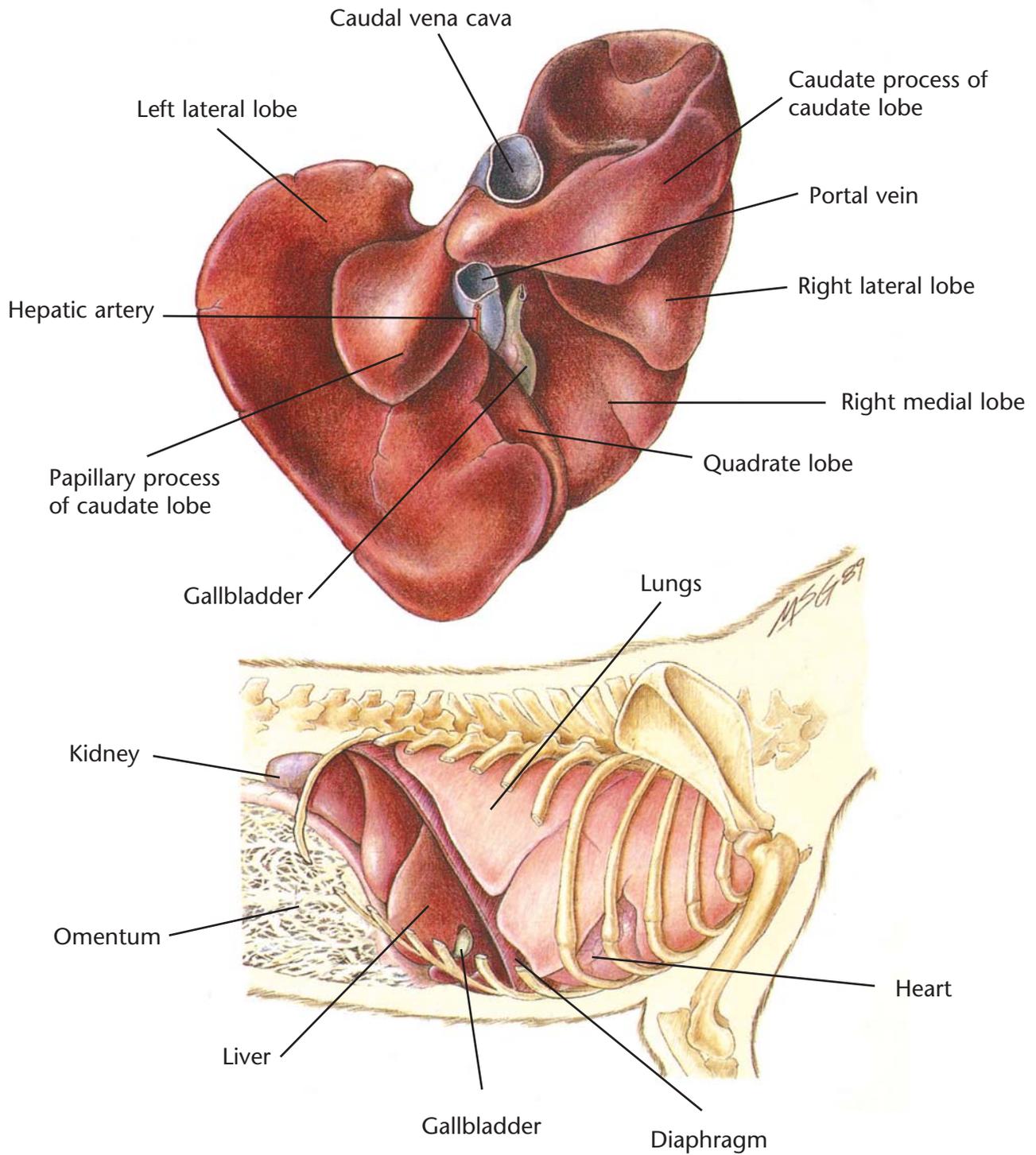
- Fluid therapy
- Cage rest
- Corticosteroids

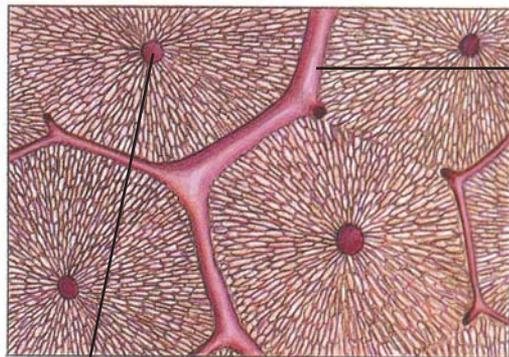
Dietary Plan

- A diet that will reduce the need for certain liver functions
- Provide adequate protein, but avoid excess
- Consider possible need for controlled sodium intake

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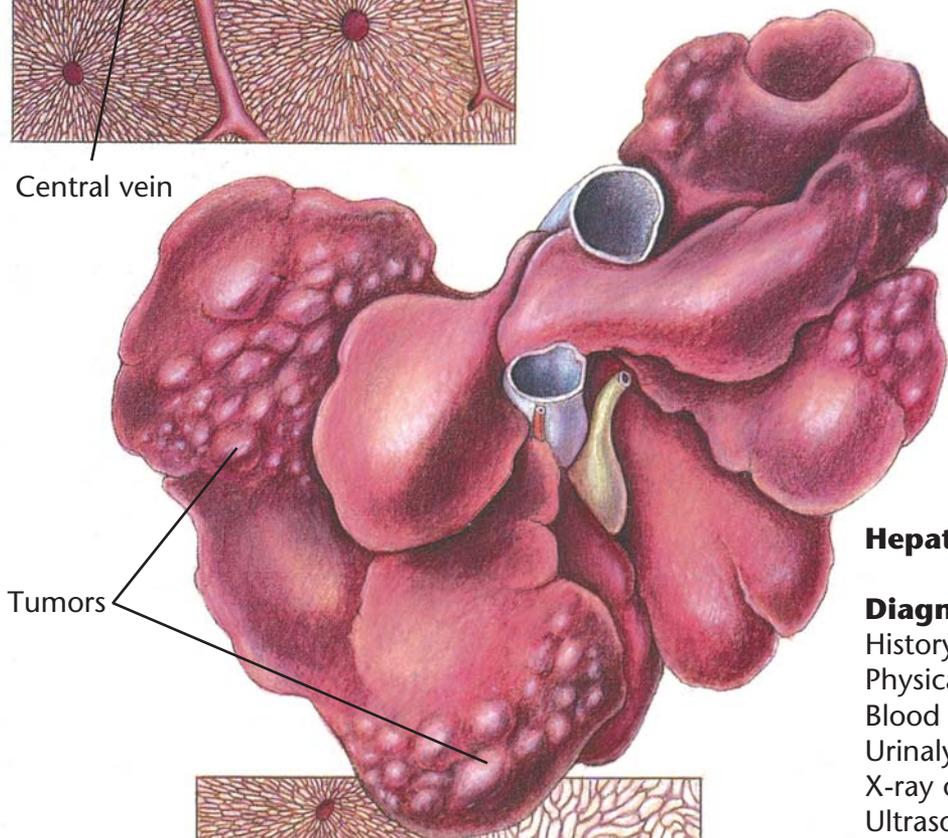
Normal Liver



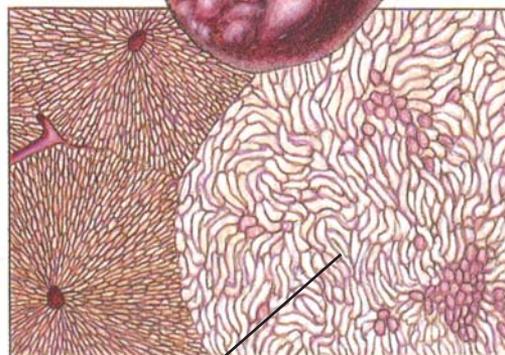


Interlobular connective tissue

Central vein



Tumors



Disruption of normal liver tissue
by sheets of neoplastic cells

Hepatic Neoplasia

Diagnostic Plan

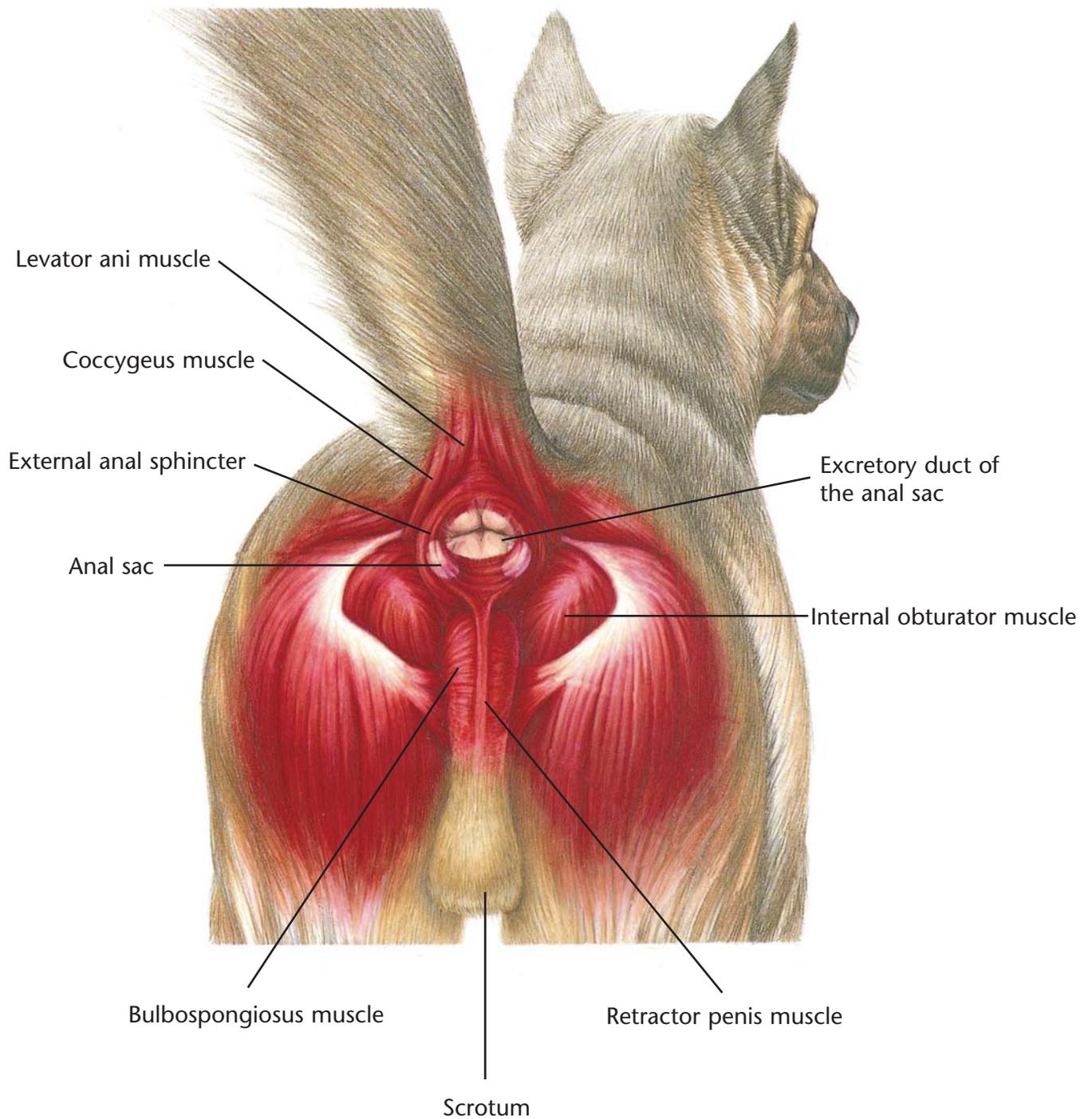
- History
- Physical examination
- Blood work
- Urinalysis
- X-ray of the liver
- Ultrasound
- Liver biopsy
- Exploratory surgery

Therapeutic Plan

- Supportive care
- Chemotherapy
- Surgery

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement. Special attention should be given to protein levels and amino-acid balance of the diet.



Enlarged, inflamed anal sac

Ruptured anal sac abscess



Anal Sac Abscess

Diagnostic Plan

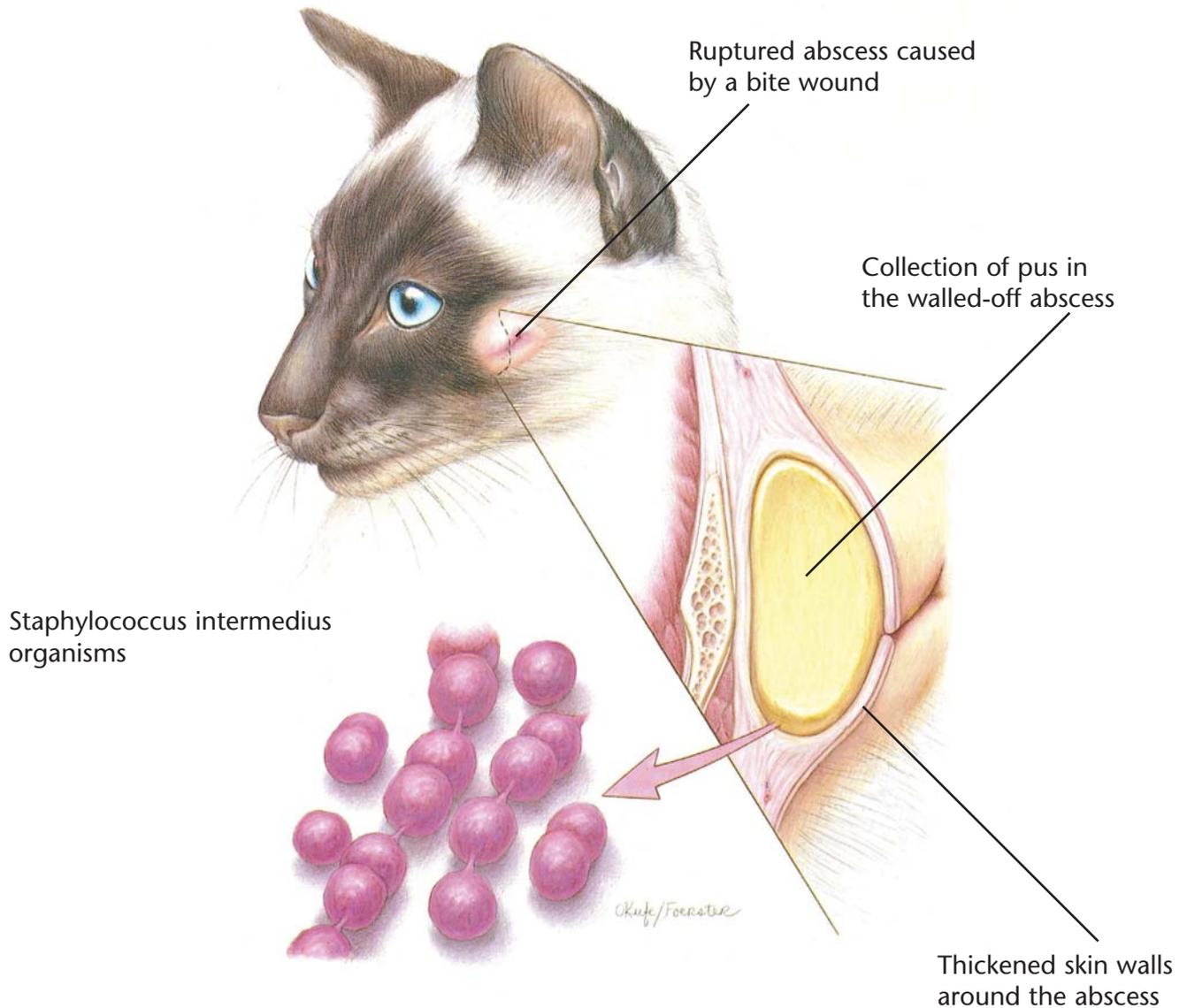
History
Physical examination
Abscess culture

Therapeutic Plan

Lancing of the abscess
Anal sac expression
Hot soaks
Antiseptic solutions
Antibacterials
Anal sac removal

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair



Skin Abscess

Diagnostic Plan

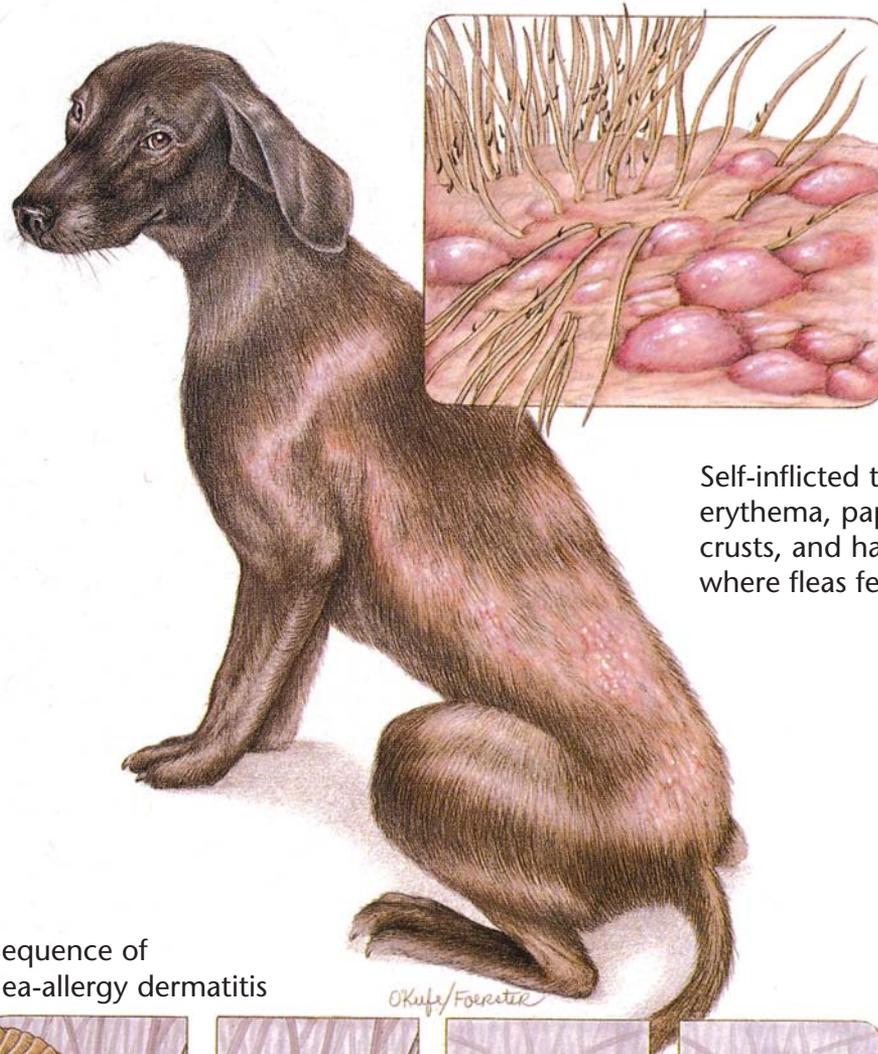
History
Physical examination
Abscess culture
X-rays

Therapeutic Plan

Hot compresses
Abscess drainage
Dead tissue removal
Antibacterial therapy
Surgery

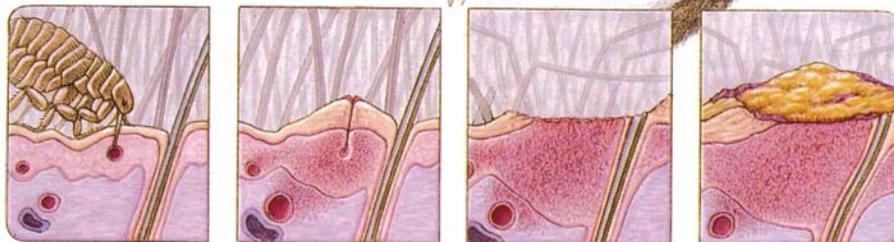
Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for tissue repair



Self-inflicted trauma results in erythema, papules, pustules, crusts, and hair loss in areas where fleas feed.

Sequence of flea-allergy dermatitis



Flea punctures skin to feed.

Flea saliva sets up an antigen-antibody reaction.

Excoriation and inflammation result from self-inflicted trauma.

Acute bacterial infection results.

Flea-Allergy Dermatitis

Diagnostic Plan

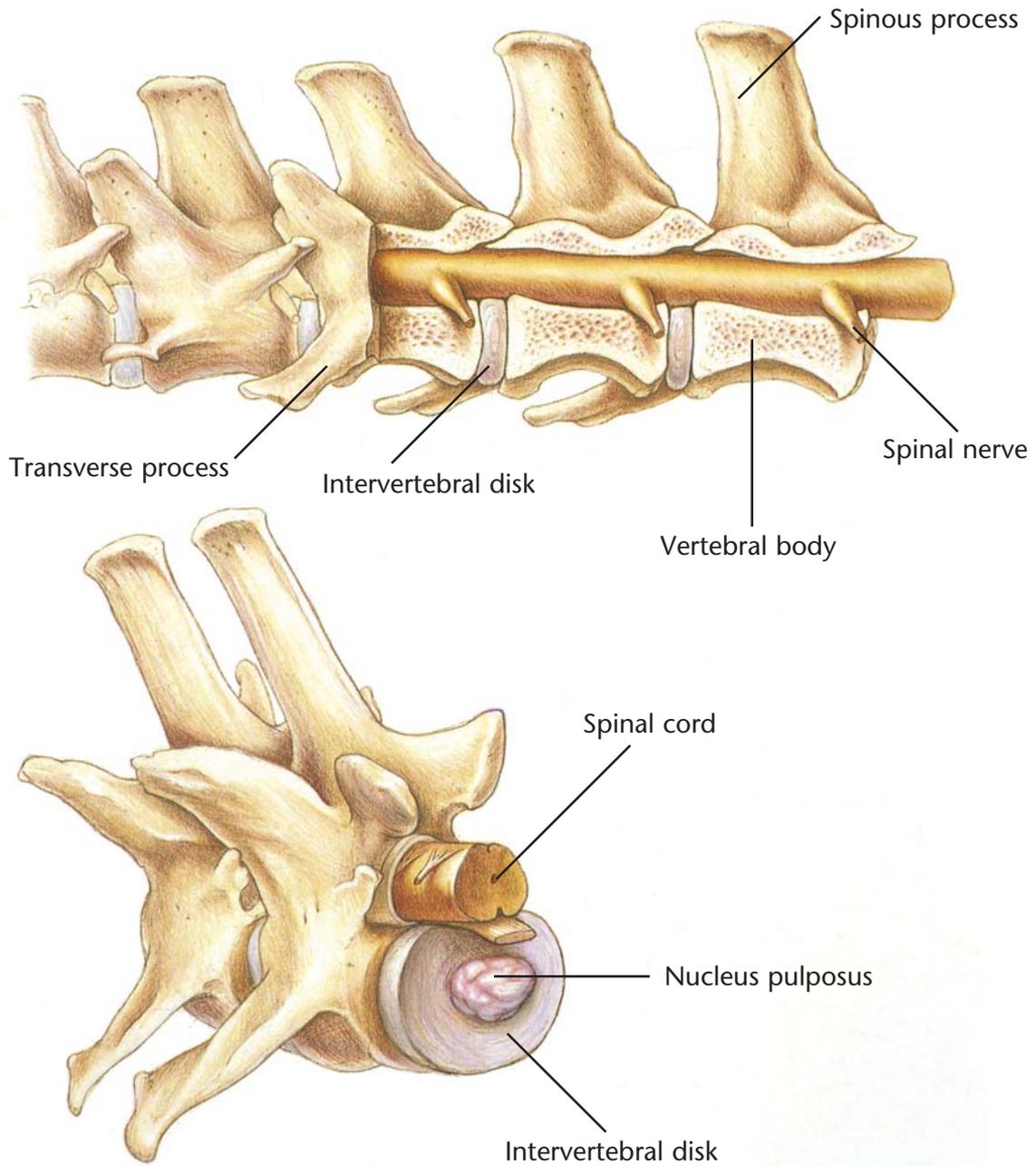
History
Physical examination
Detection of fleas, flea dirt, and tapeworm segments
Intradermal skin testing

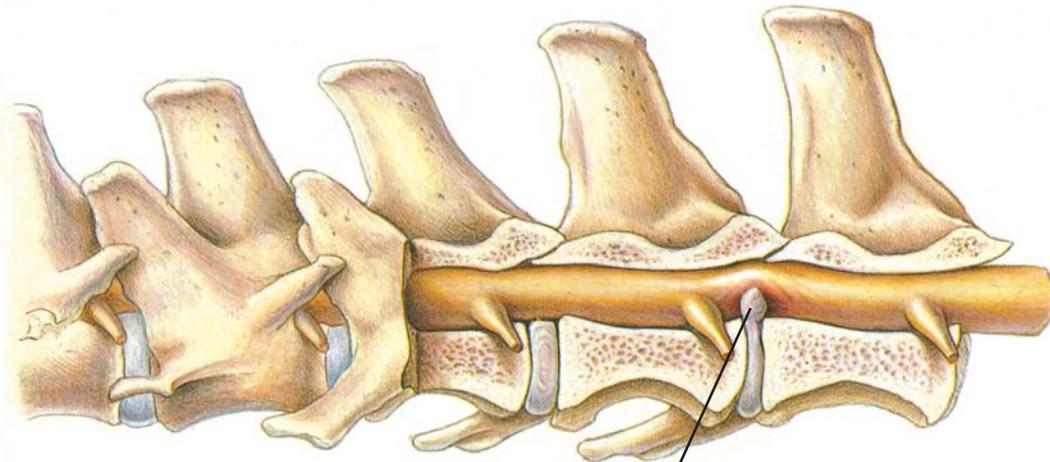
Therapeutic Plan

Flea control
Short-term corticosteroids

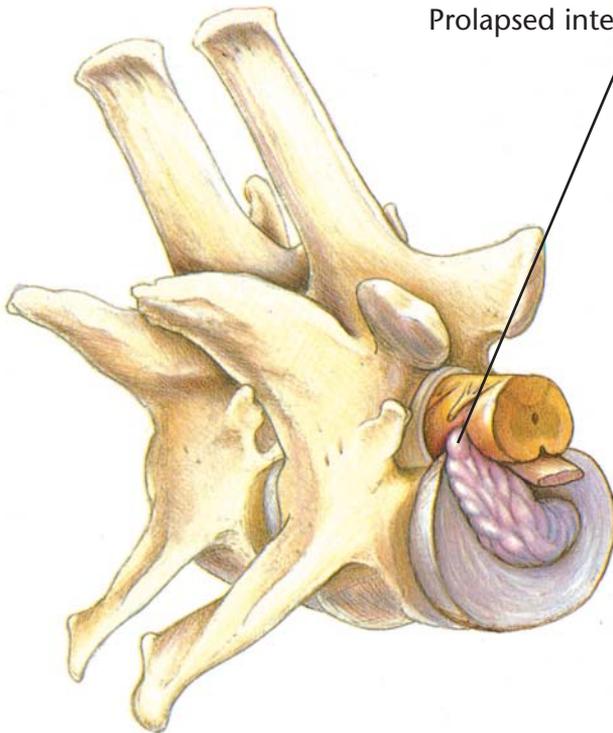
Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for tissue repair





Prolapsed intervertebral disk



Intervertebral Disk Disease

Diagnostic Plan

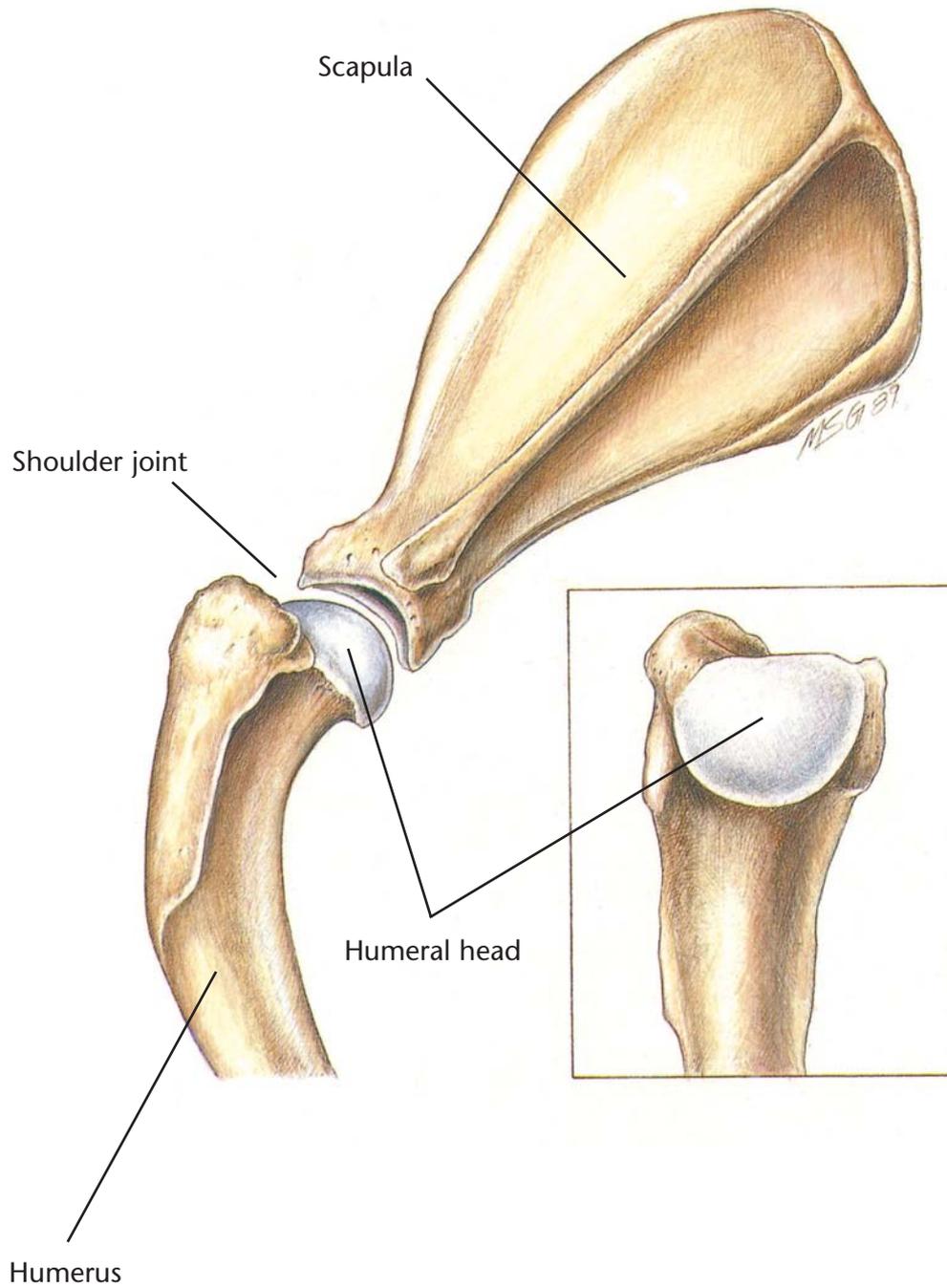
History
Physical examination
Neurologic examination
X-ray of the spine

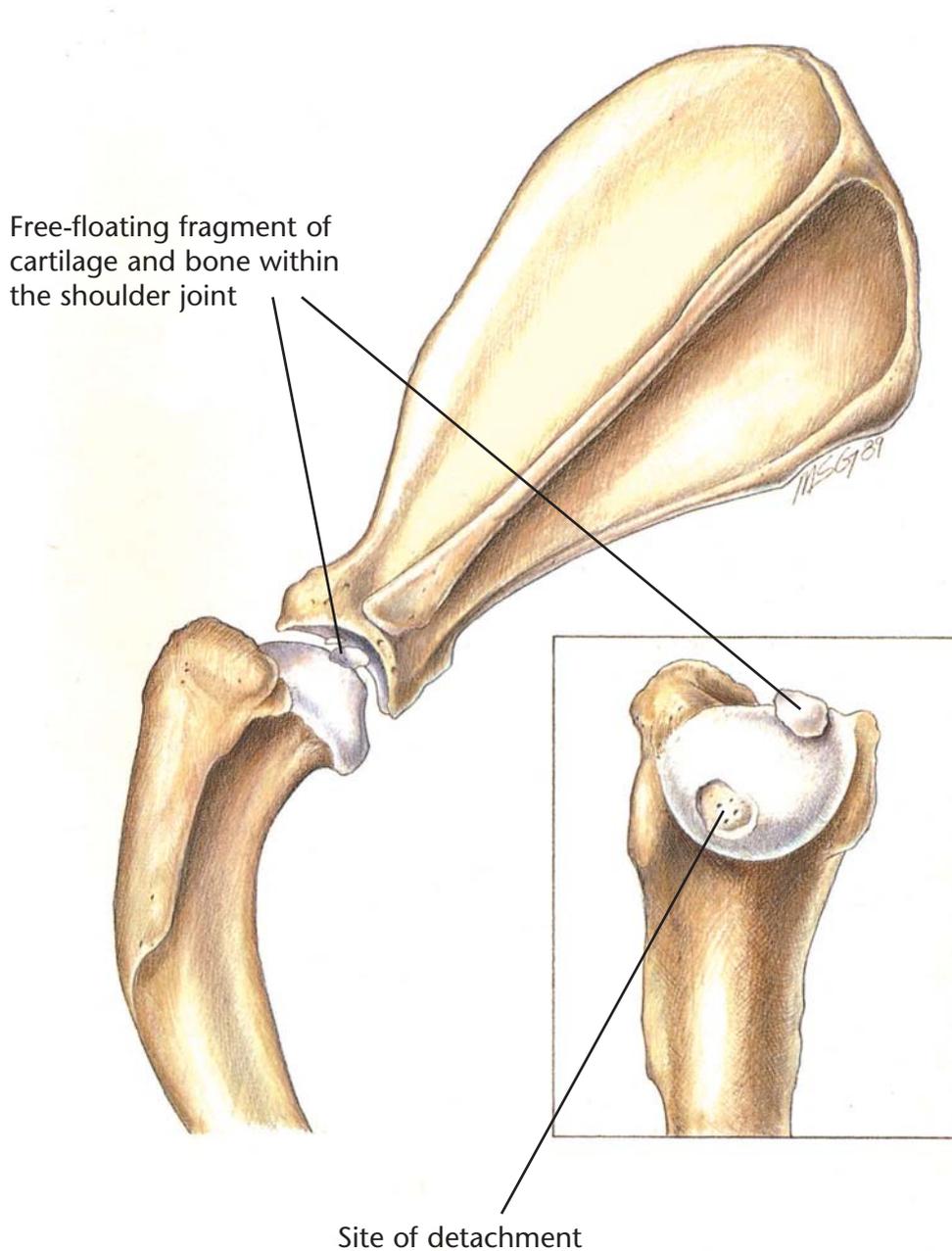
Therapeutic Plan

Enforced rest
Anti-inflammatory drugs
Analgesics
Muscle relaxants
Surgery
Physical therapy

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair
If obesity is a complicating factor, restrict caloric intake so the patient reaches and maintains an ideal body weight





Osteochondritis Dissecans

Diagnostic Plan

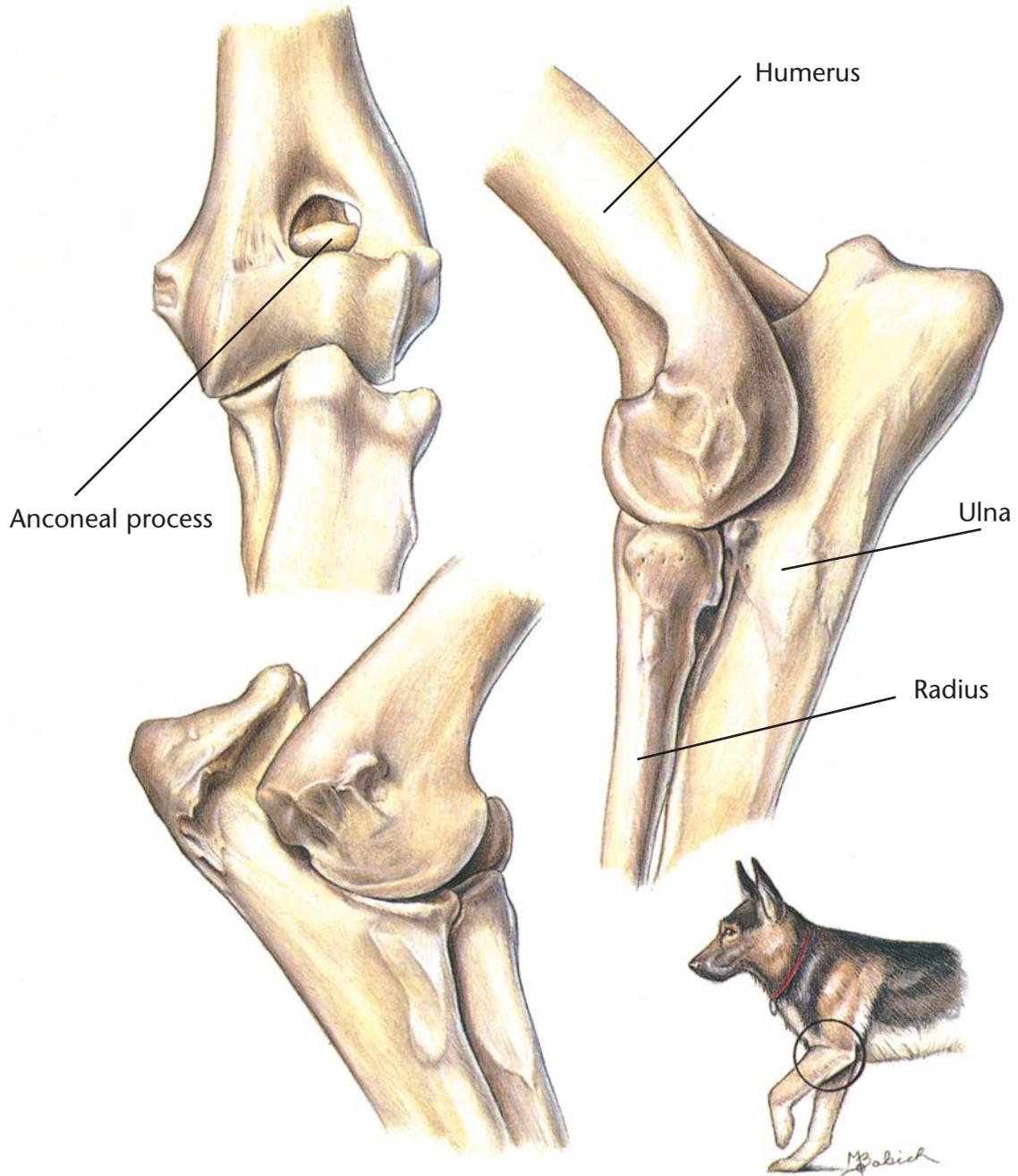
History
Physical examination
X-rays

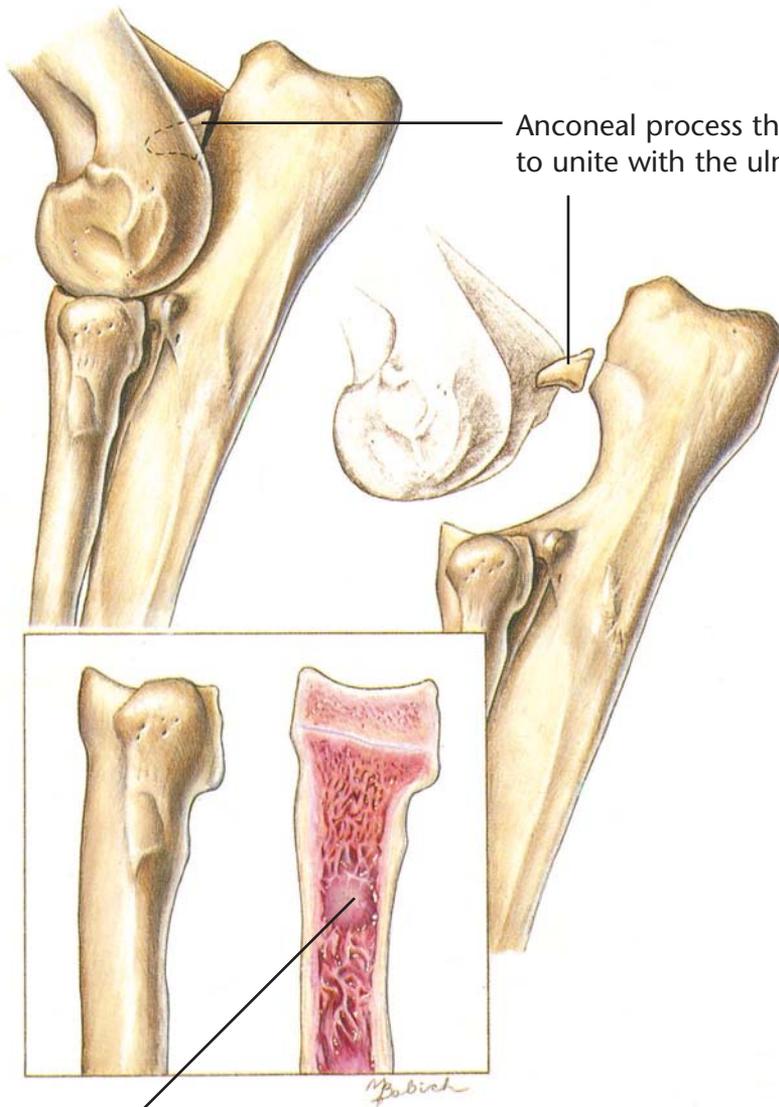
Therapeutic Plan

Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair and patient growth
Avoid overfeeding throughout life
Avoid excess calcium and energy in growing large and giant-breed pups





Anconeal process that has failed to unite with the ulna

Lesions of panosteitis in the proximal radius

Ununited Anconeal Process

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
X-rays of the elbow

Therapeutic Plan

Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair and patient growth
Avoid excess calcium and energy in growing large and giant-breed pups
Avoid overfeeding throughout life

Panosteitis

Diagnostic Plan

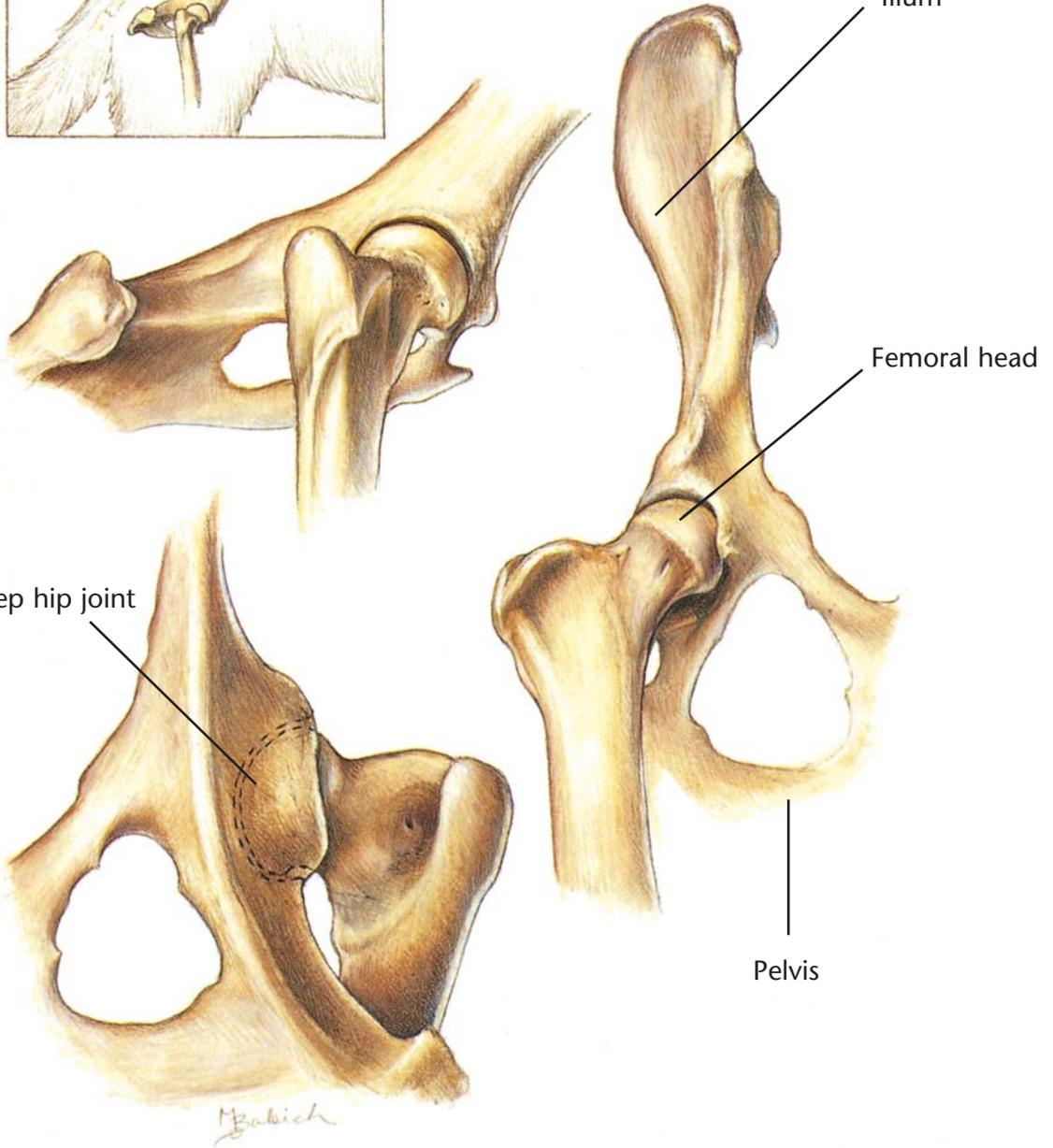
History
Physical examination
Palpation
X-rays

Therapeutic Plan

Analgesics

Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for growth
Avoid overfeeding throughout life

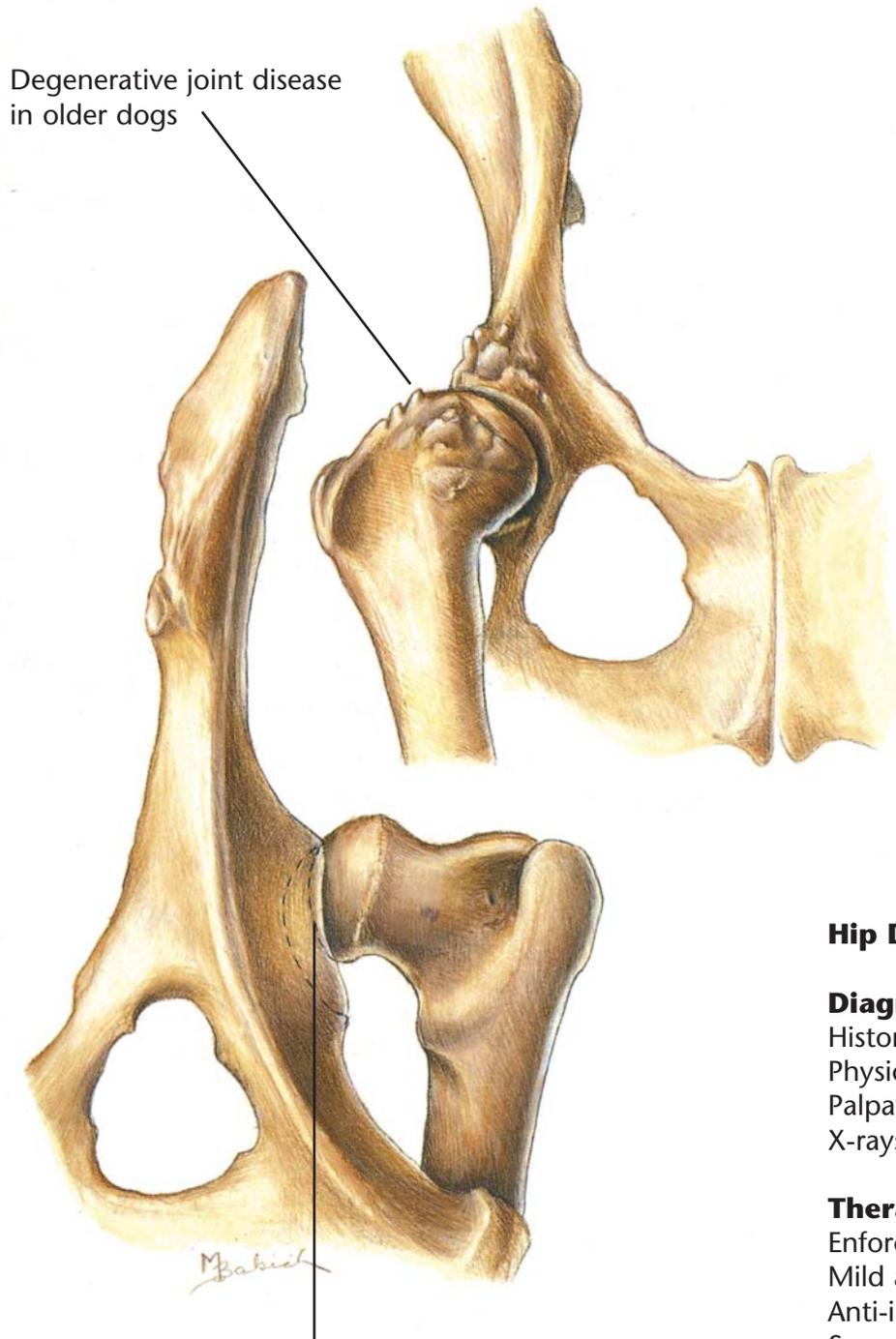


Well-formed, deep hip joint

Ilium

Femoral head

Pelvis



Shallow hip joint with subluxated femoral head in younger dogs

Hip Dysplasia

Diagnostic Plan

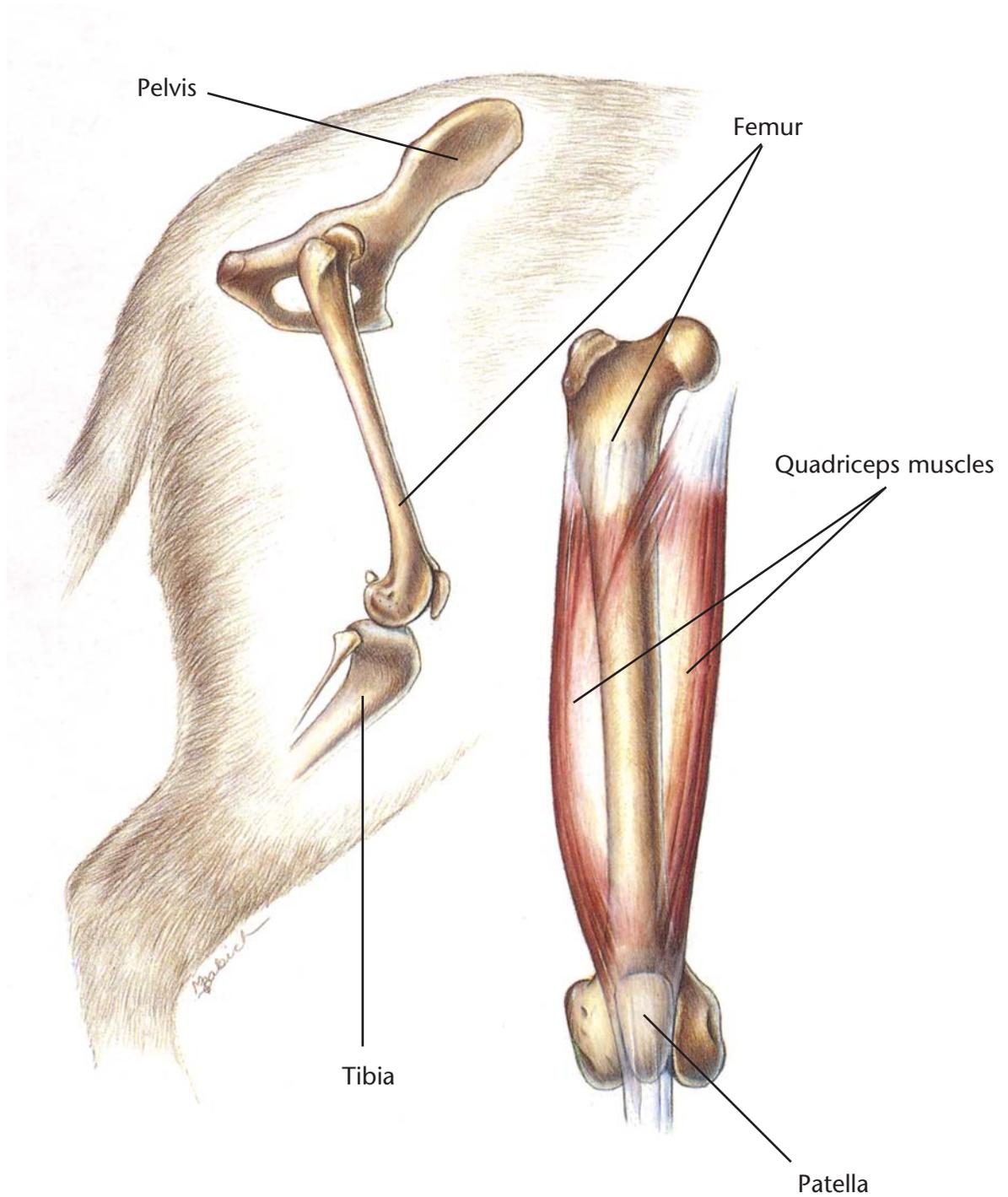
History
Physical examination
Palpation of the hips
X-rays of the hips

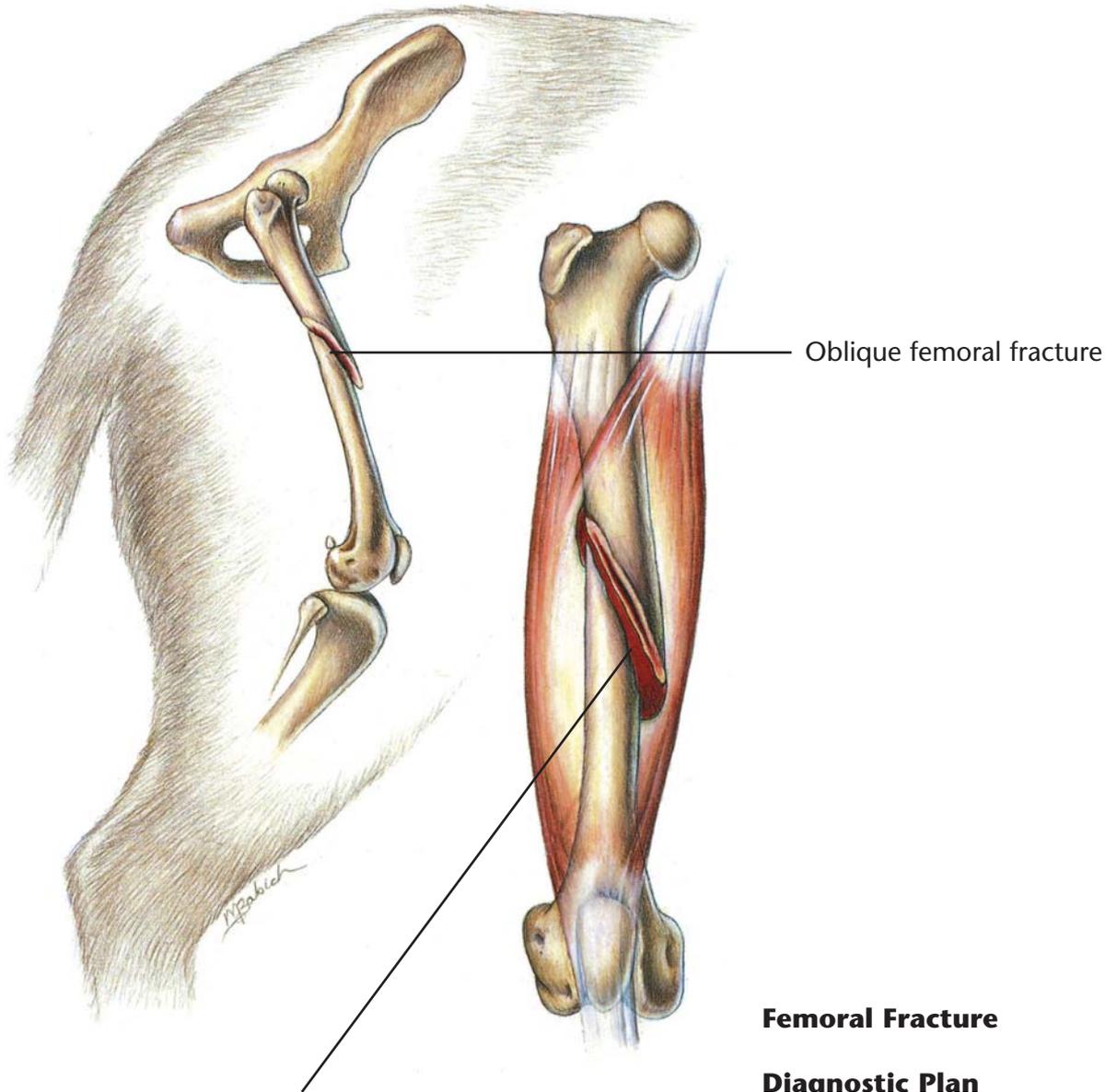
Therapeutic Plan

Enforced rest
Mild analgesics
Anti-inflammatory drugs
Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair
If obesity is a complicating factor, restrict caloric intake so the patient reaches and maintains an ideal body weight





Hemorrhage into the muscle

Oblique femoral fracture

Femoral Fracture

Diagnostic Plan

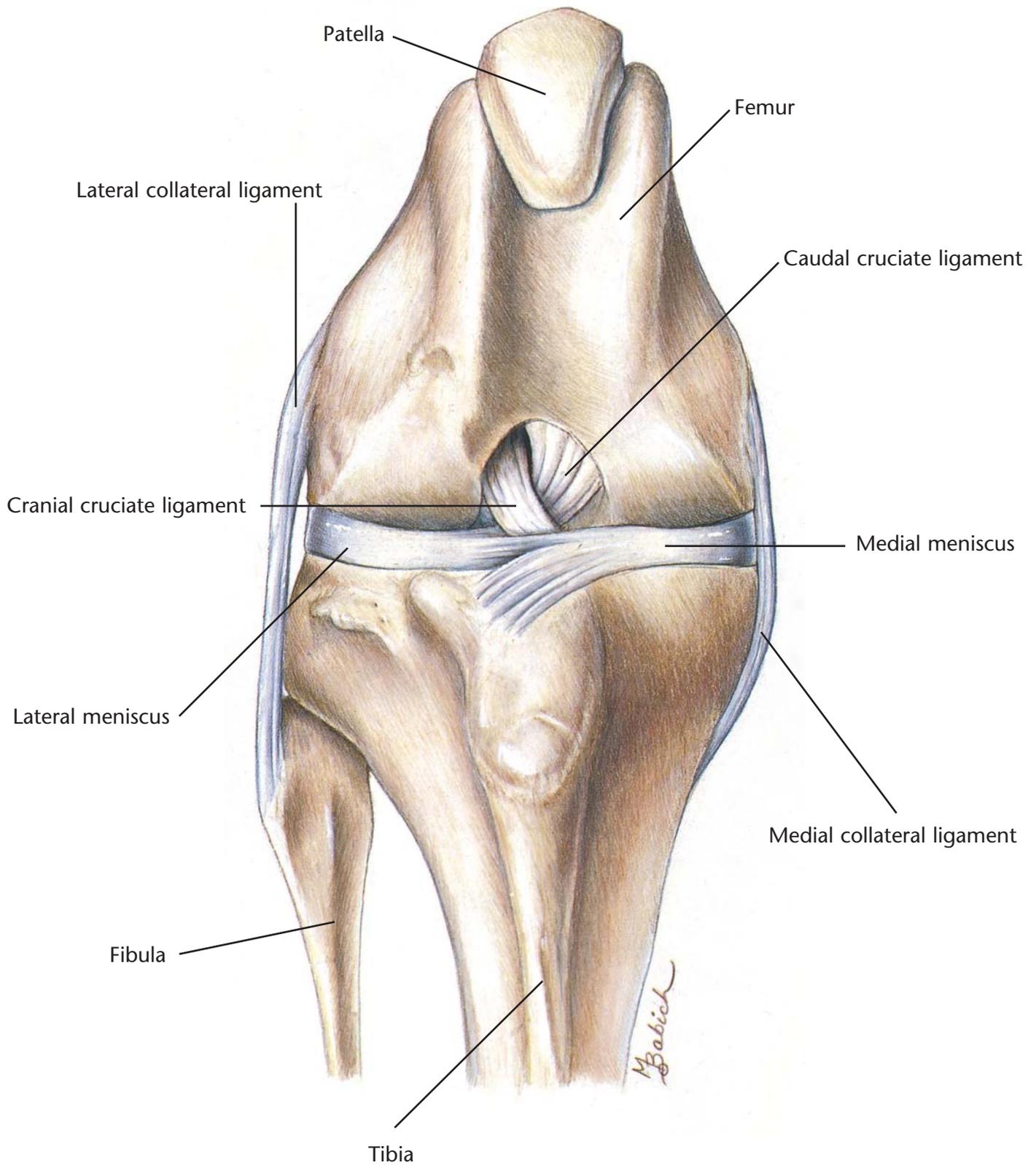
- History
- Physical examination
- Palpation of the femur
- X-rays

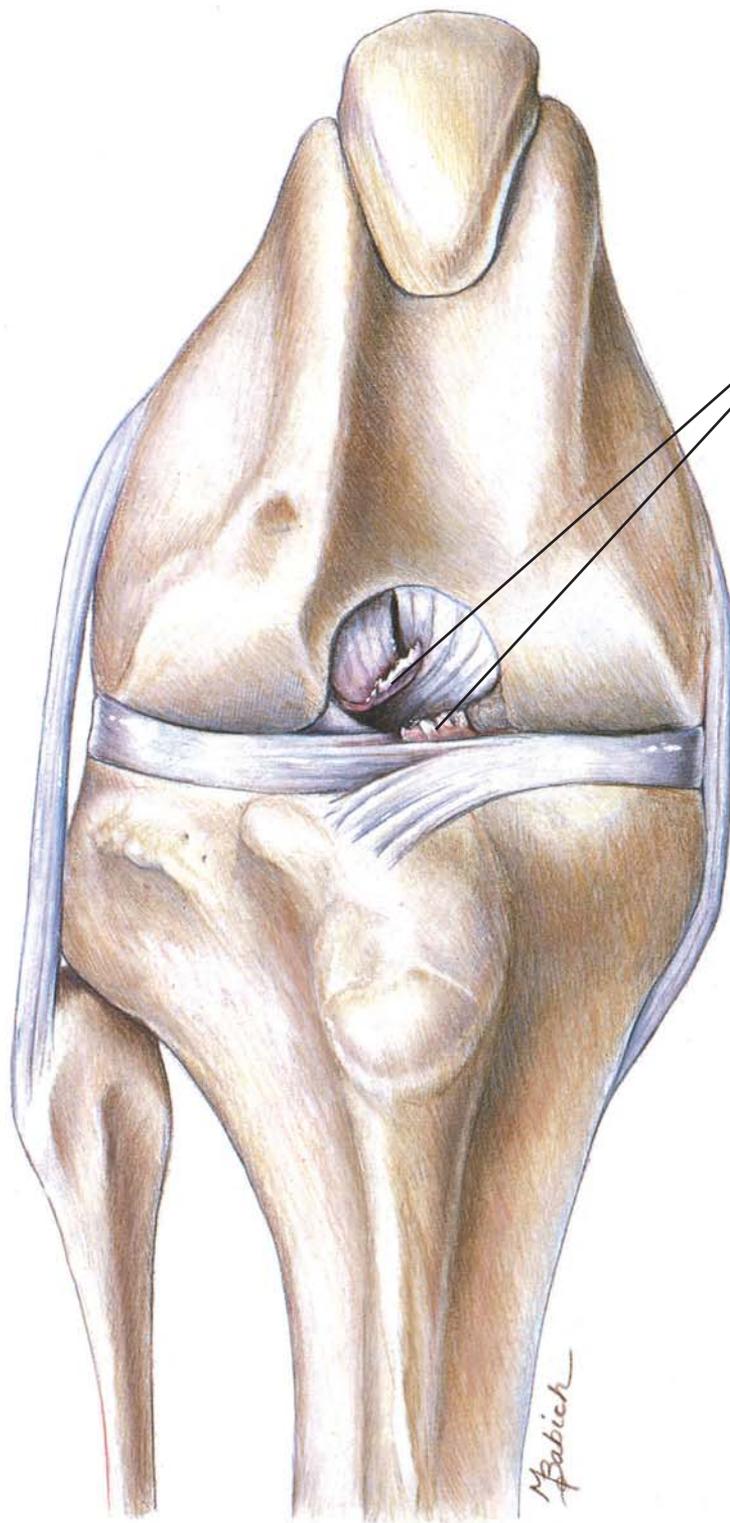
Therapeutic Plan

- Surgery

Dietary Plan

- A diet adequate for tissue repair





Ends of the ruptured cranial cruciate ligament

Ruptured Cranial Cruciate Ligament

Diagnostic Plan

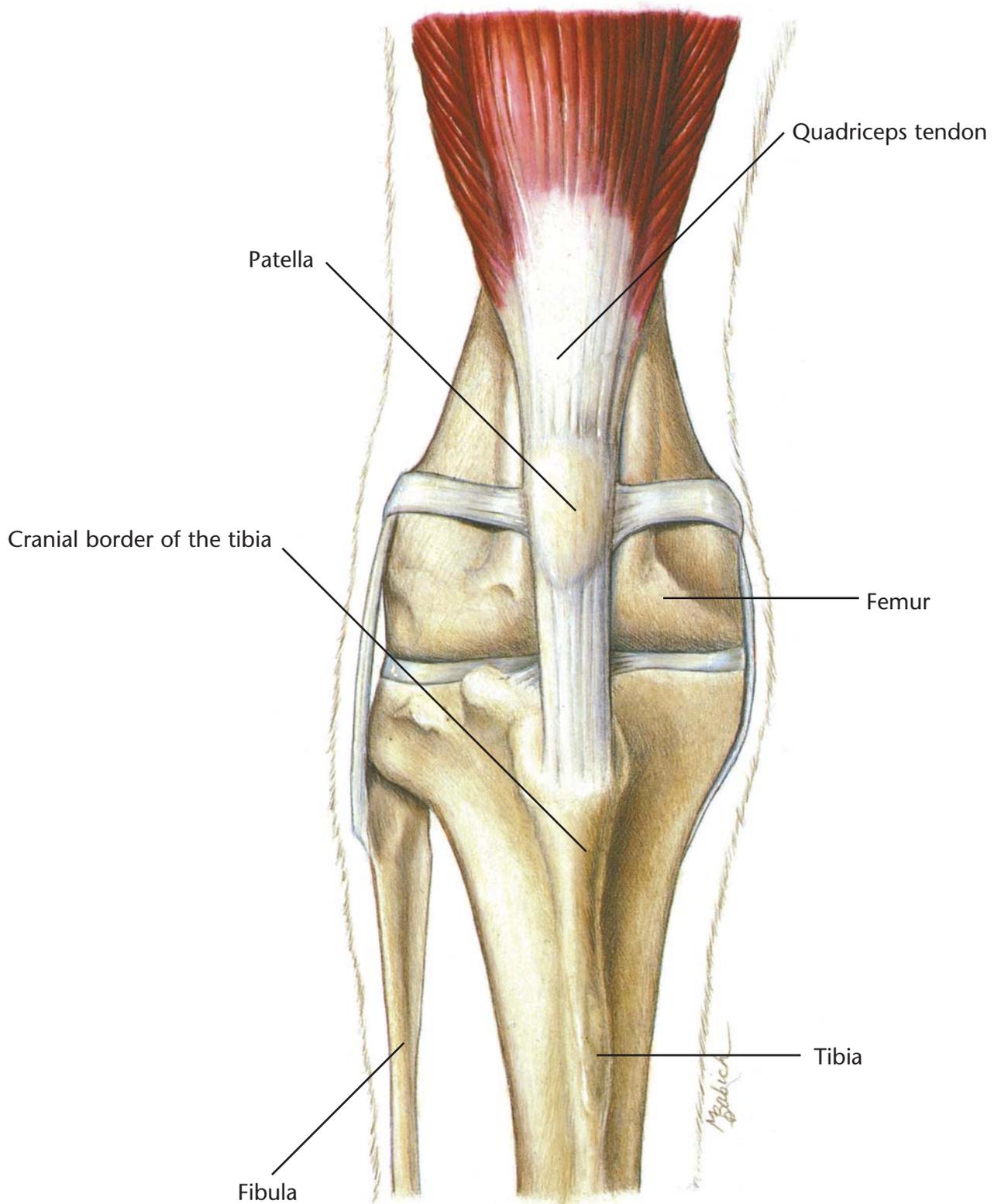
History
Physical examination
Palpation of the knee
X-rays of the knee

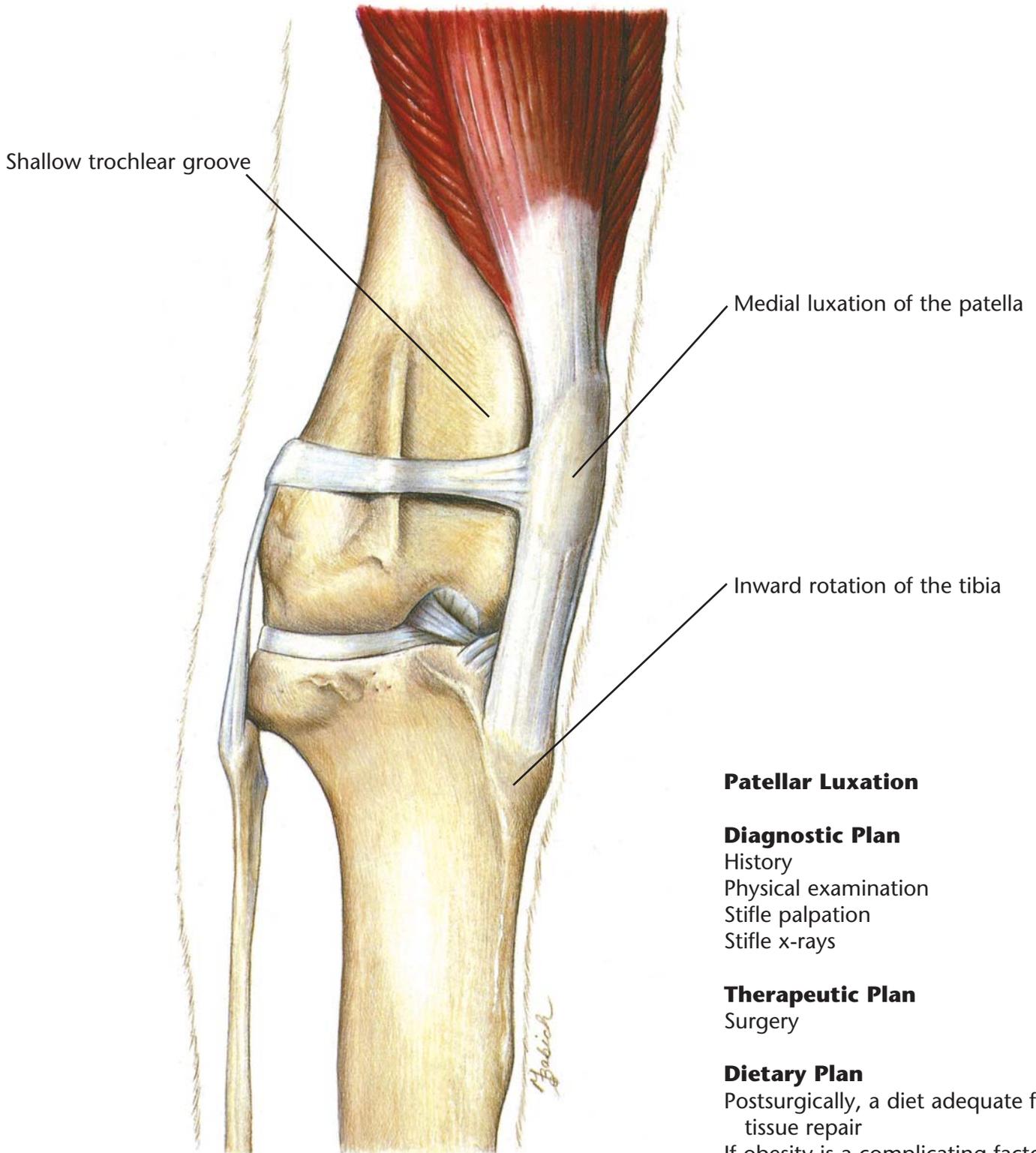
Therapeutic Plan

Enforced rest
Analgesics
Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair
If obesity is a complicating factor, restrict caloric intake so the patient reaches and maintains an ideal body weight





Patellar Luxation

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Stifle palpation
- Stifle x-rays

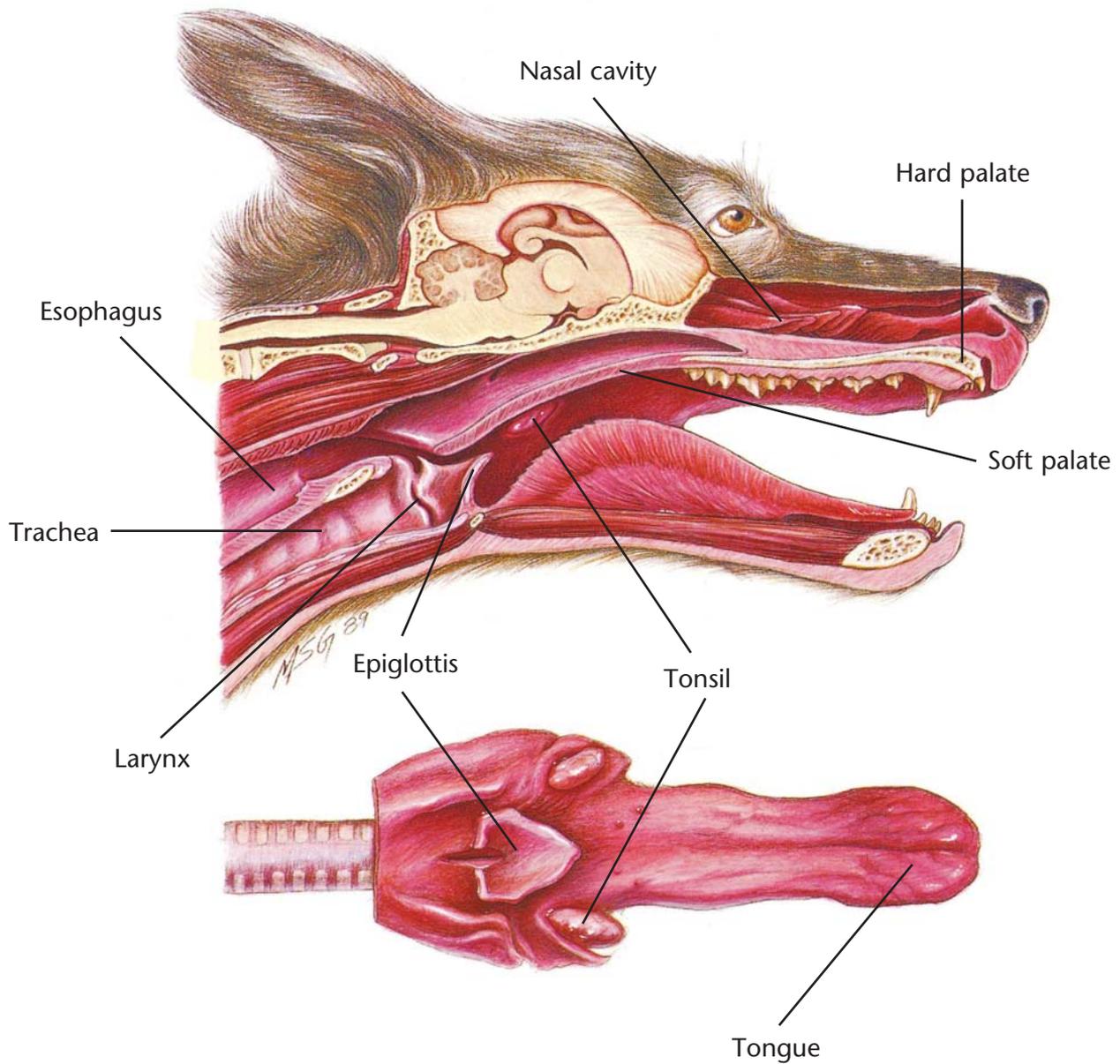
Therapeutic Plan

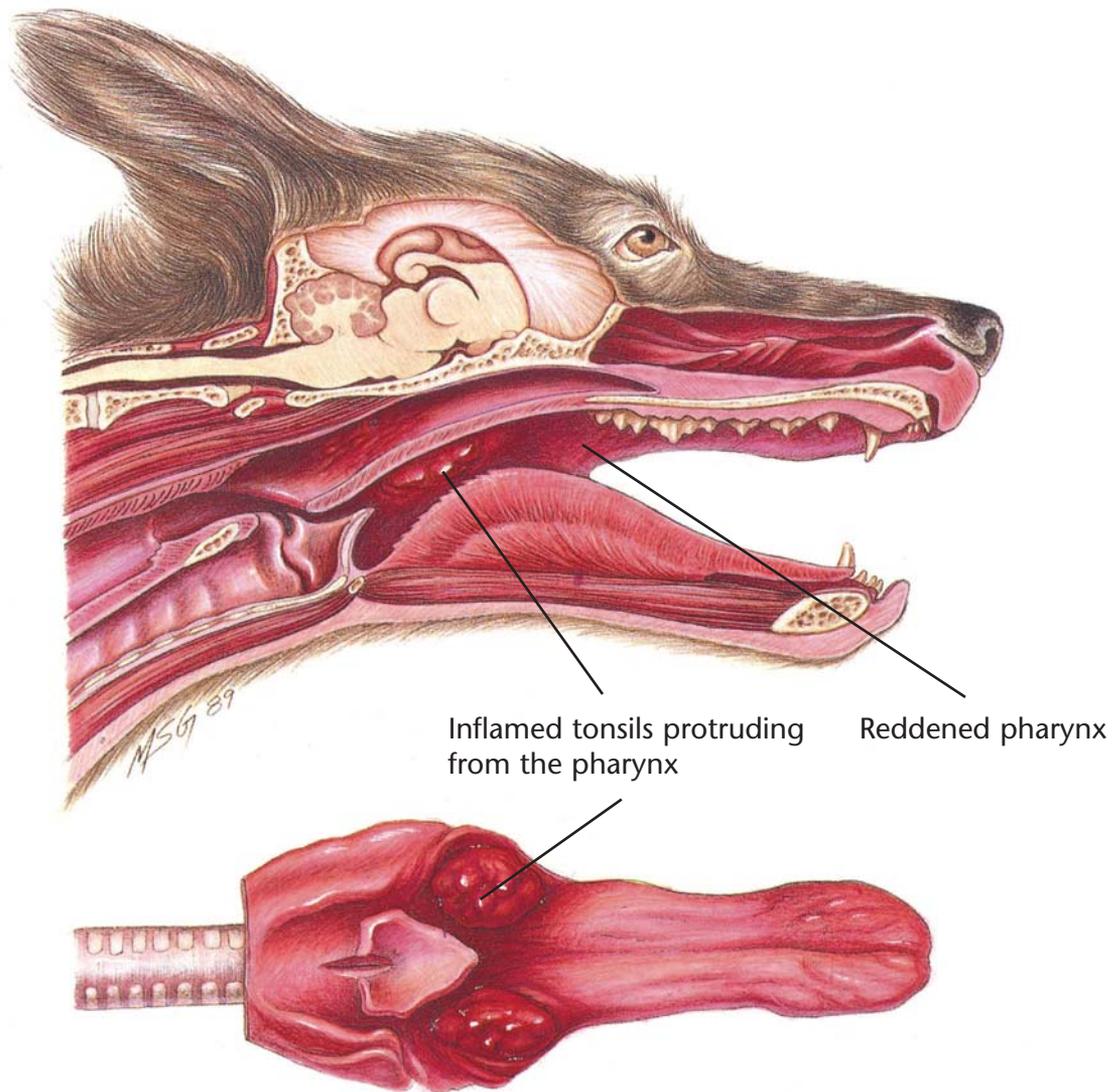
- Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair

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Tonsillitis

Diagnostic Plan

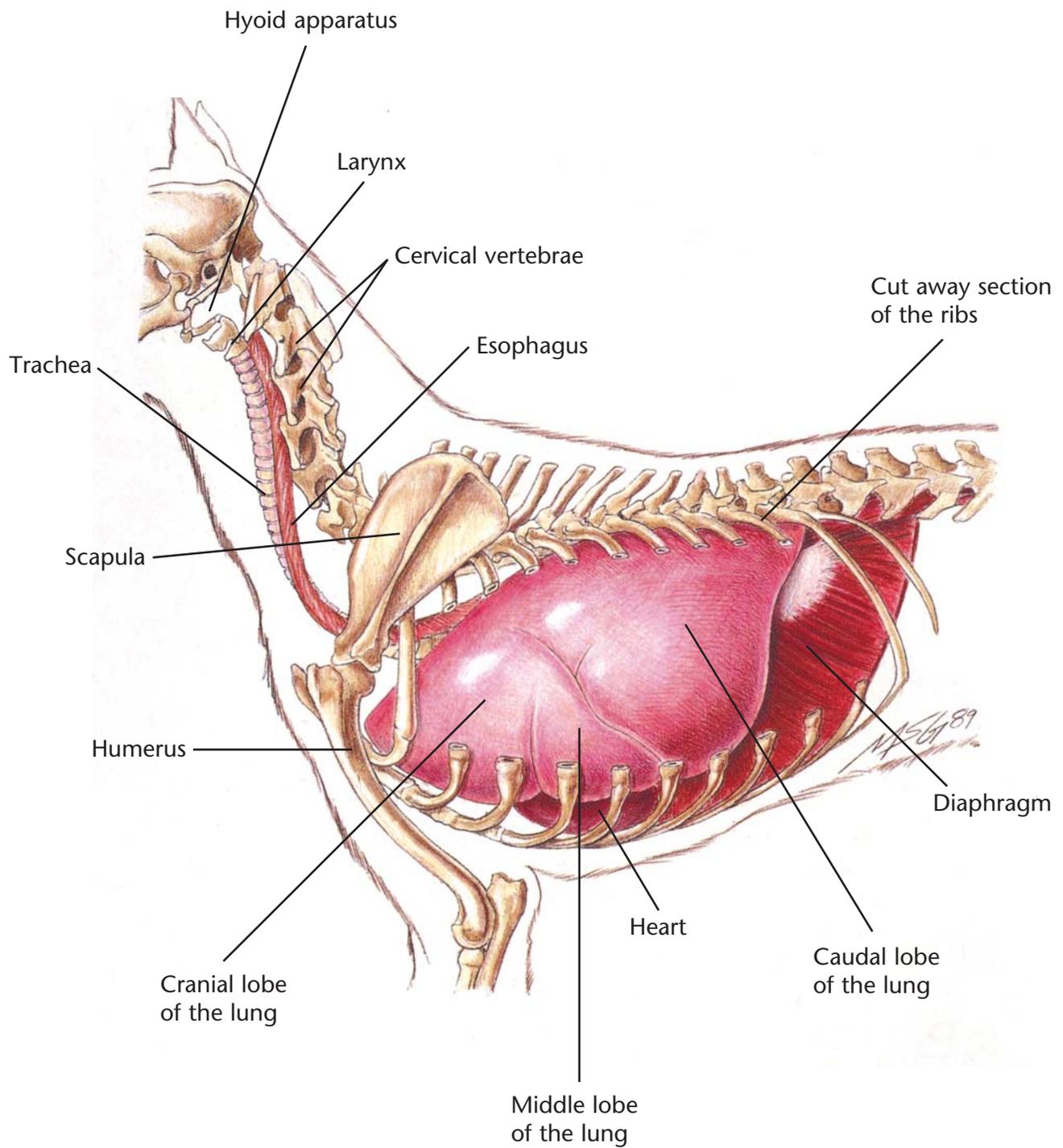
History
Physical examination
Examination of the tonsils
Culture of the tonsils
Cytologic study of tonsillar exudate
X-rays

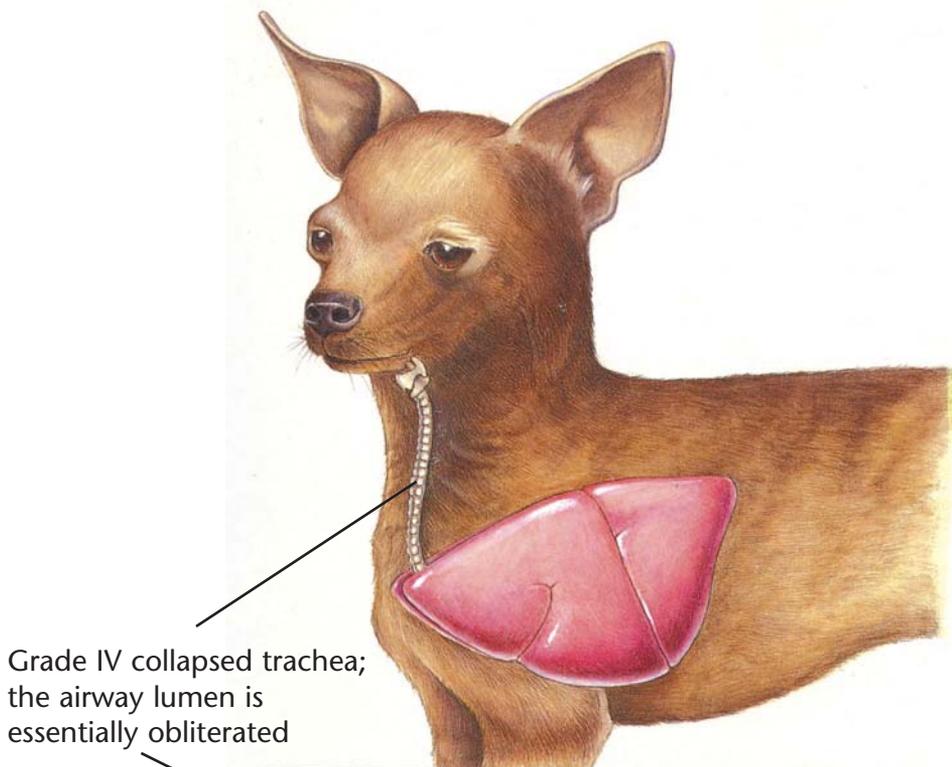
Therapeutic Plan

Elimination of the cause
Antibacterials
Tonsillectomy

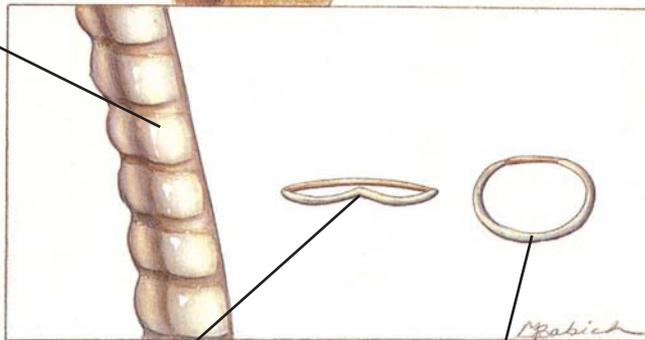
Dietary Plan

A diet based on overall patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement
A soft diet may minimize postsurgical pain





Grade IV collapsed trachea; the airway lumen is essentially obliterated



The tracheal cartilage is inverted dorsally and contacts the tracheal membrane

Normal tracheal ring

Collapsing Trachea

Diagnostic Plan

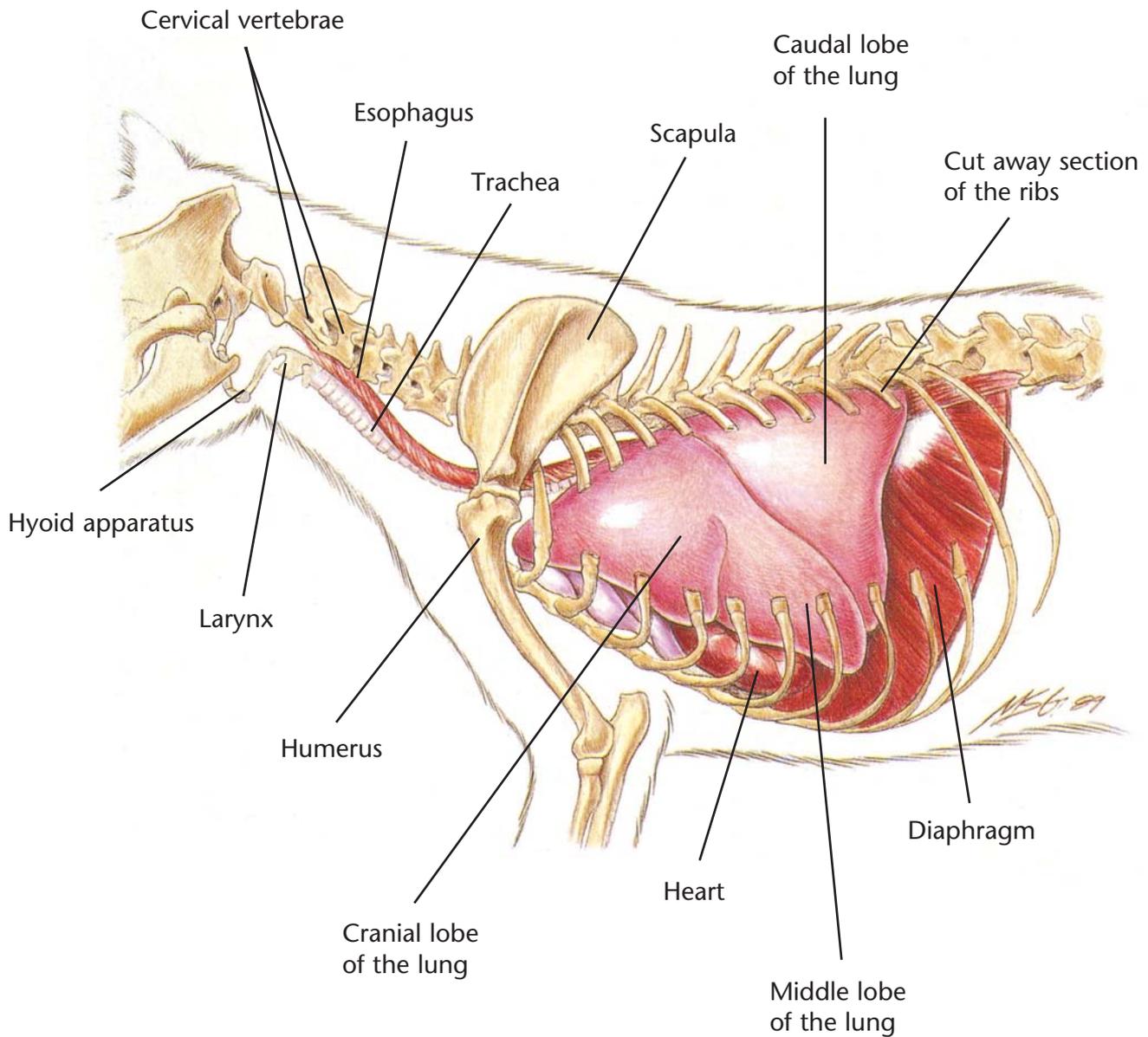
- History
- Physical examination
- Tracheal palpation
- Chest auscultation
- Chest x-rays
- Tracheoscopy
- Cultures of tracheal wash fluid

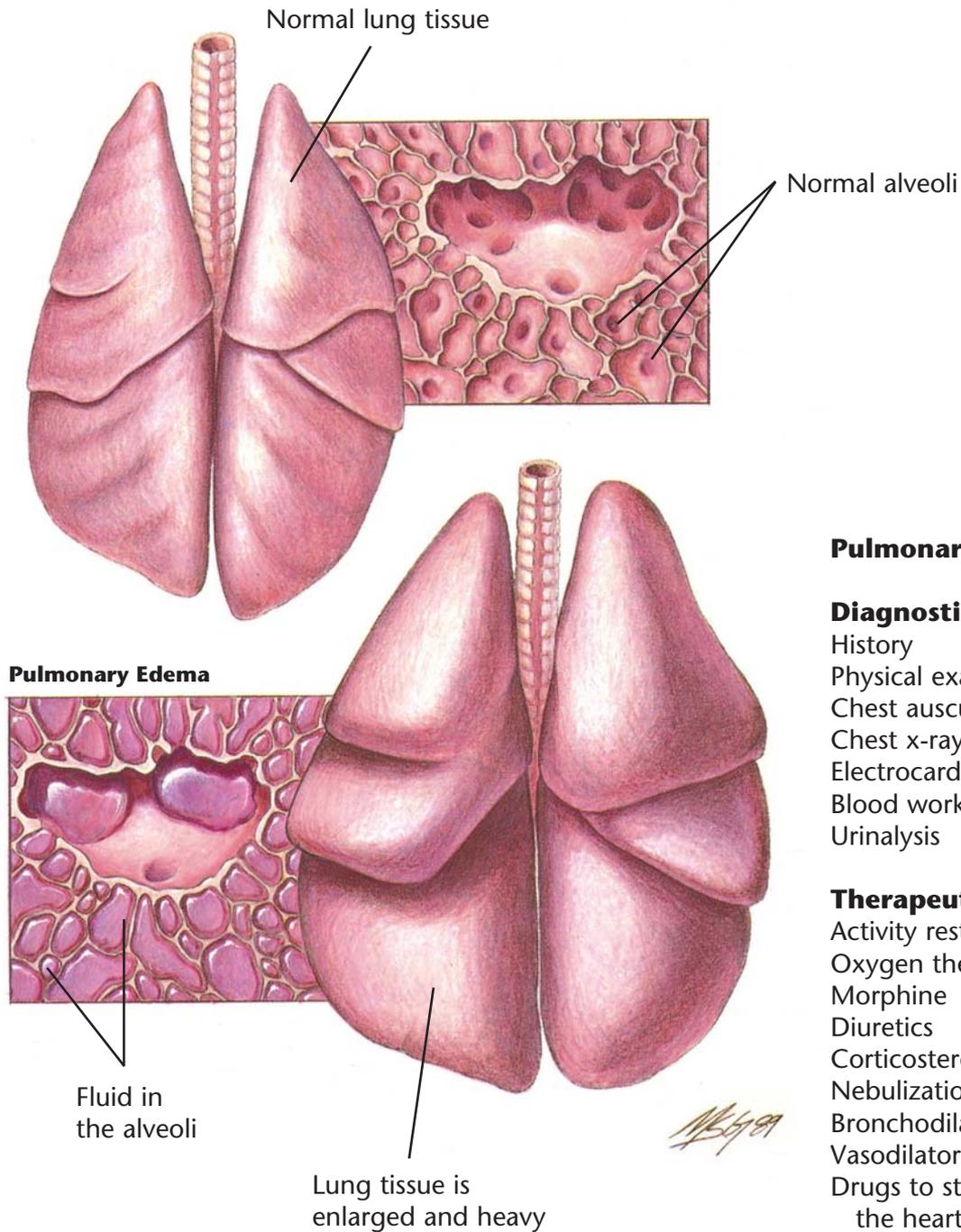
Therapeutic Plan

- Activity restriction
- Corticosteroids
- Steam vaporization
- Bronchodilators
- Antitussives
- Antibacterials
- Surgery

Dietary Plan

If surgery is performed, a diet adequate for tissue repair
If obesity is a complicating factor, restrict caloric intake so the patient reaches and maintains an ideal body weight





Pulmonary Edema

Diagnostic Plan

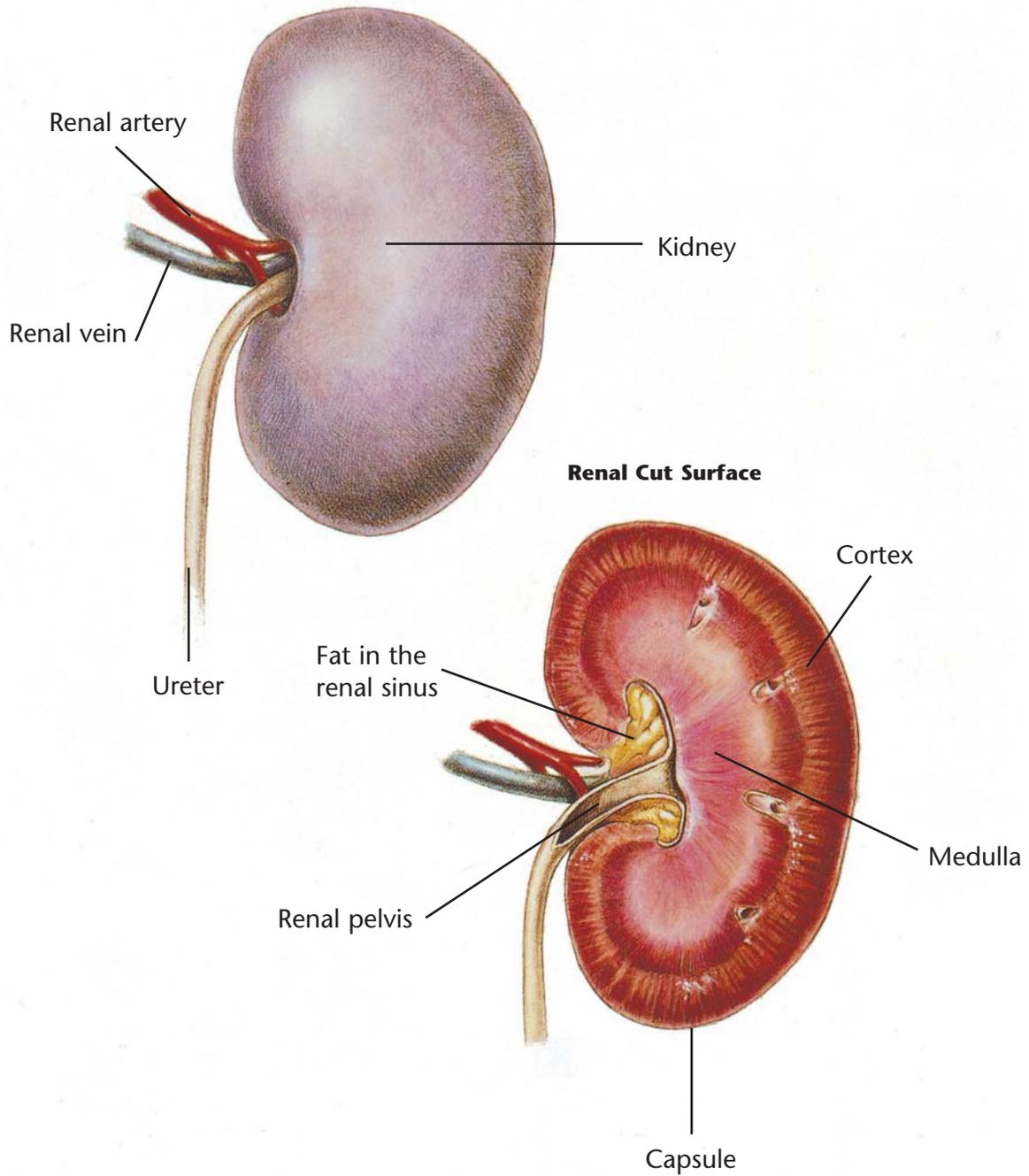
- History
- Physical examination
- Chest auscultation
- Chest x-rays
- Electrocardiography
- Blood work
- Urinalysis

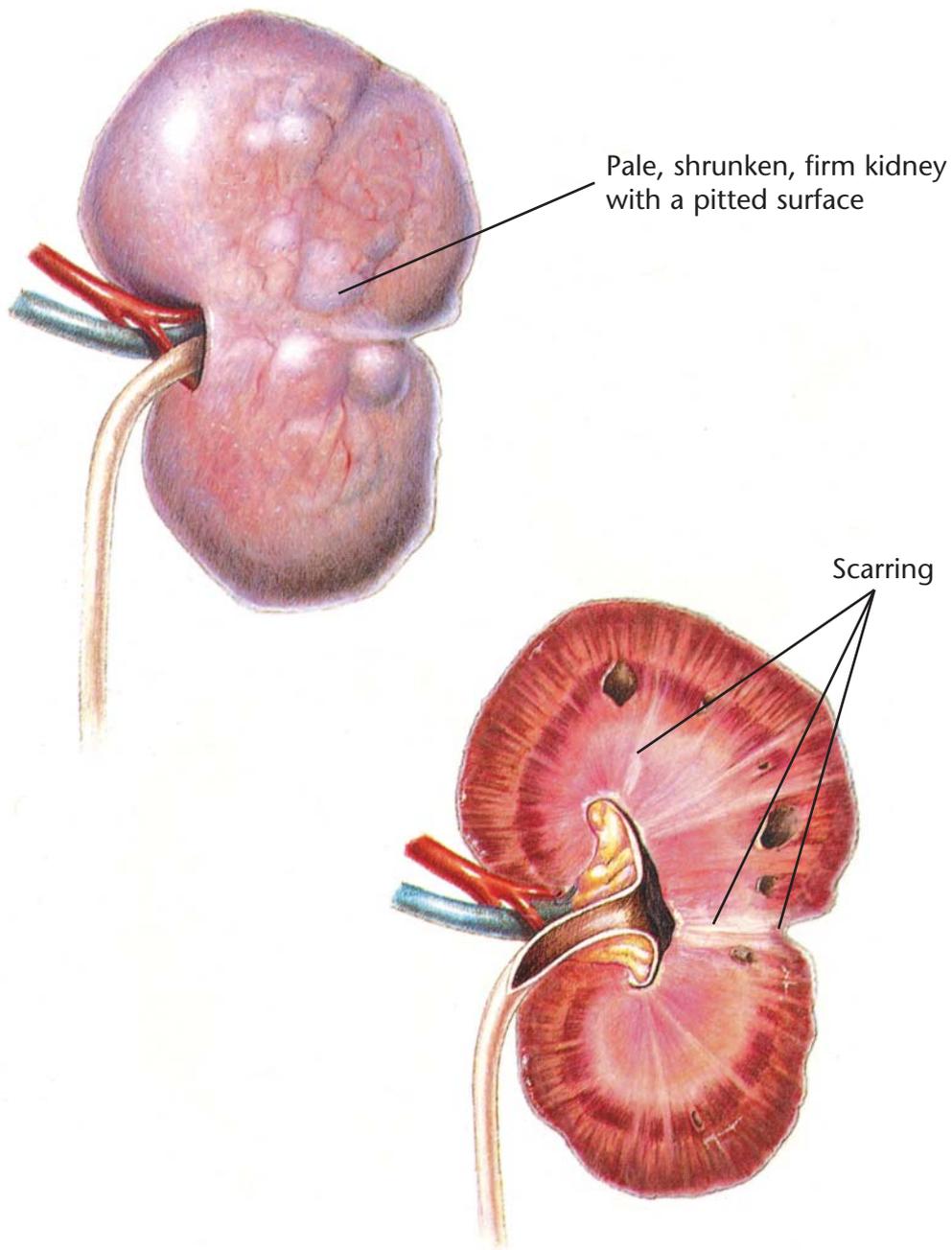
Therapeutic Plan

- Activity restriction
- Oxygen therapy
- Morphine
- Diuretics
- Corticosteroids
- Nebulization
- Bronchodilators
- Vasodilators
- Drugs to strengthen the heart

Dietary Plan

- A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease
- Avoid excess sodium





Chronic Renal Disease

Diagnostic Plan

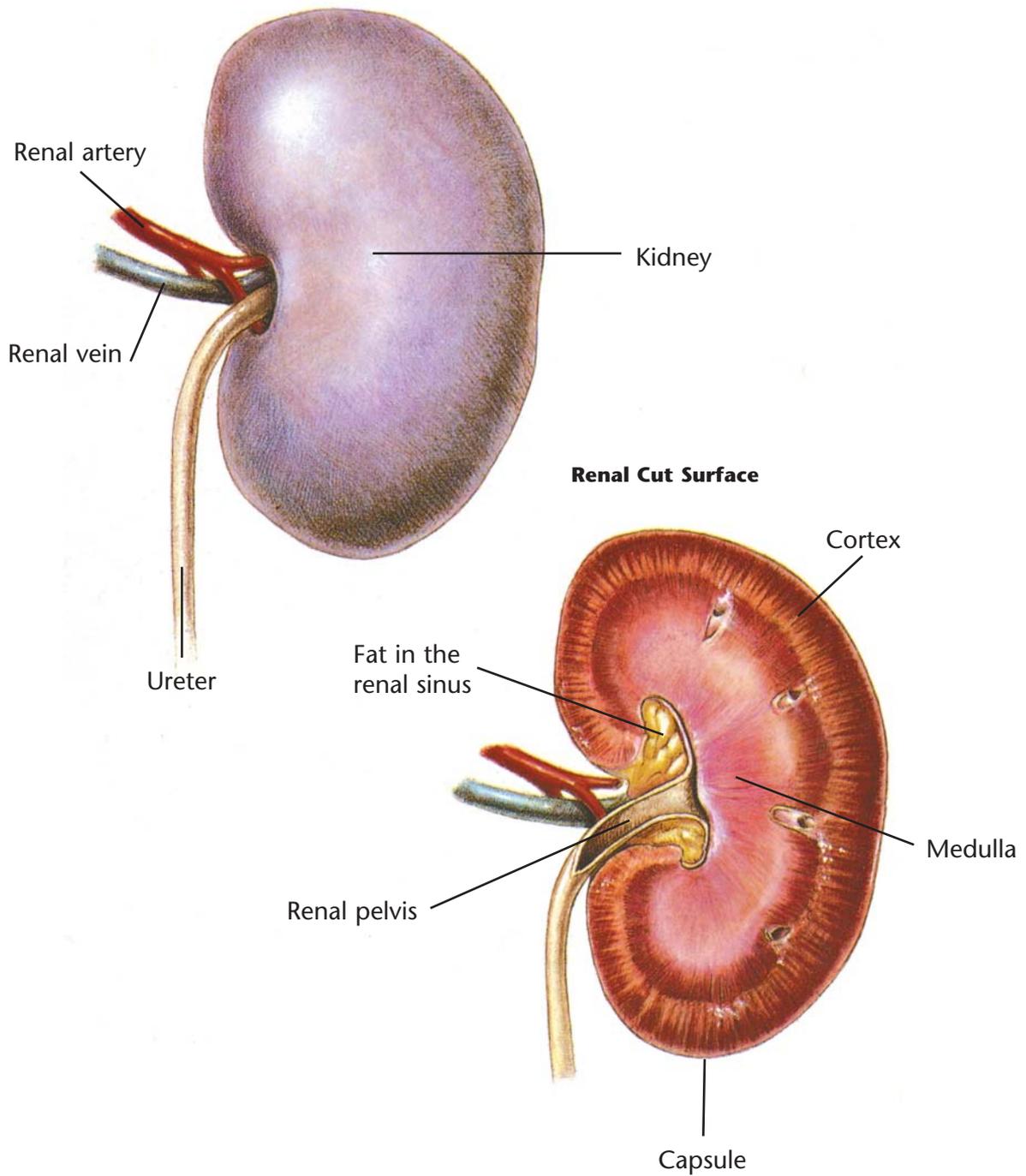
- History
- Physical examination
- Abdominal palpation
- Urinalysis
- Blood work
- Blood pressure measurement
- Abdominal x-rays
- Kidney biopsy
- Ultrasound

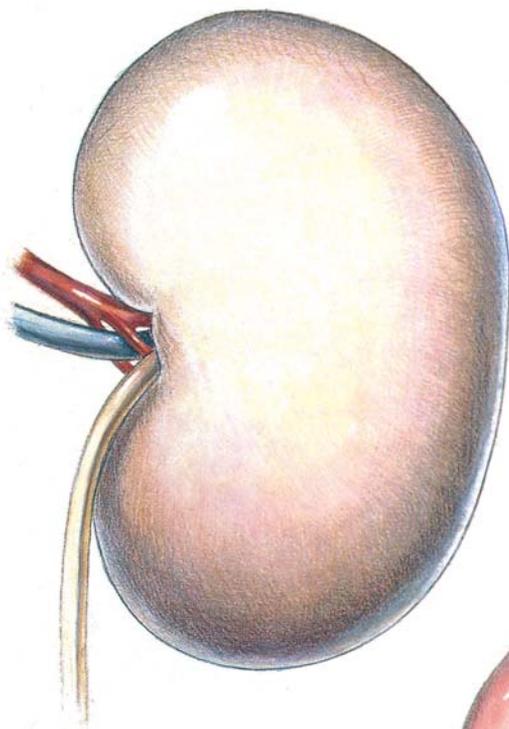
Therapeutic Plan

- Fluid therapy
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Drugs to control stomach acidity
- Phosphate binders
- Blood transfusions
- Anabolic steroids
- Peritoneal dialysis

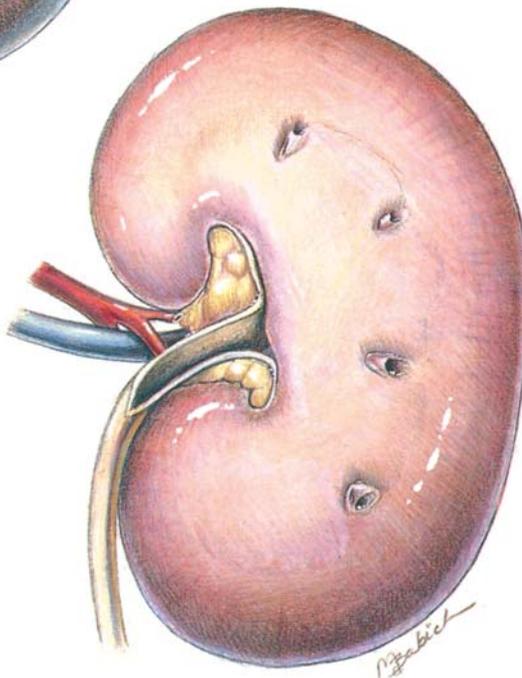
Dietary Plan

A diet with controlled and appropriate levels of protein, phosphorus, sodium, and calories





Pale, swollen kidney



Acute Renal Failure

Diagnostic Plan

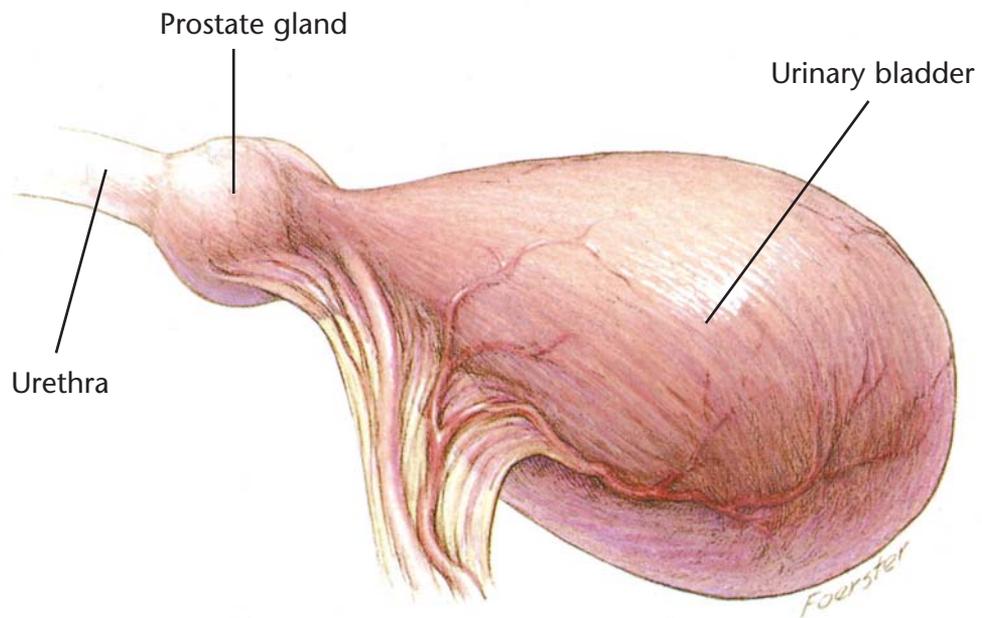
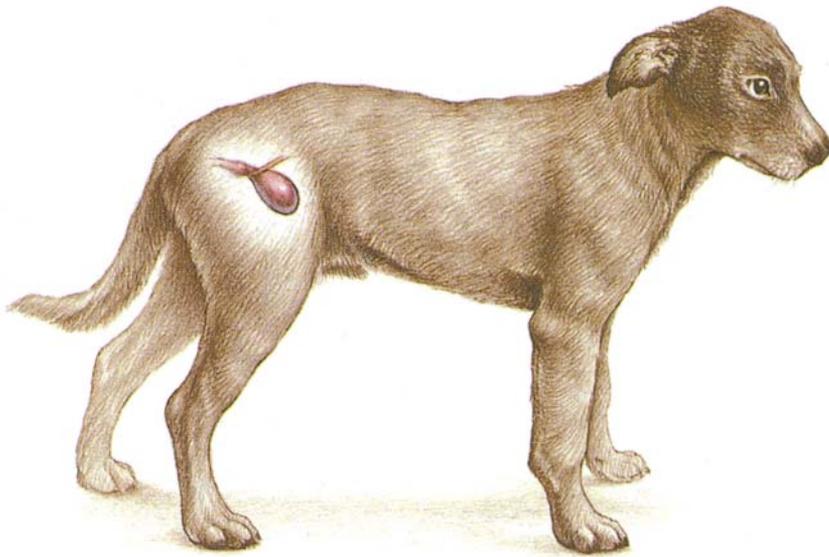
- History
- Physical examination
- Abdominal palpation
- Urinalysis
- Blood work
- Abdominal x-rays
- Kidney biopsy
- Ultrasound

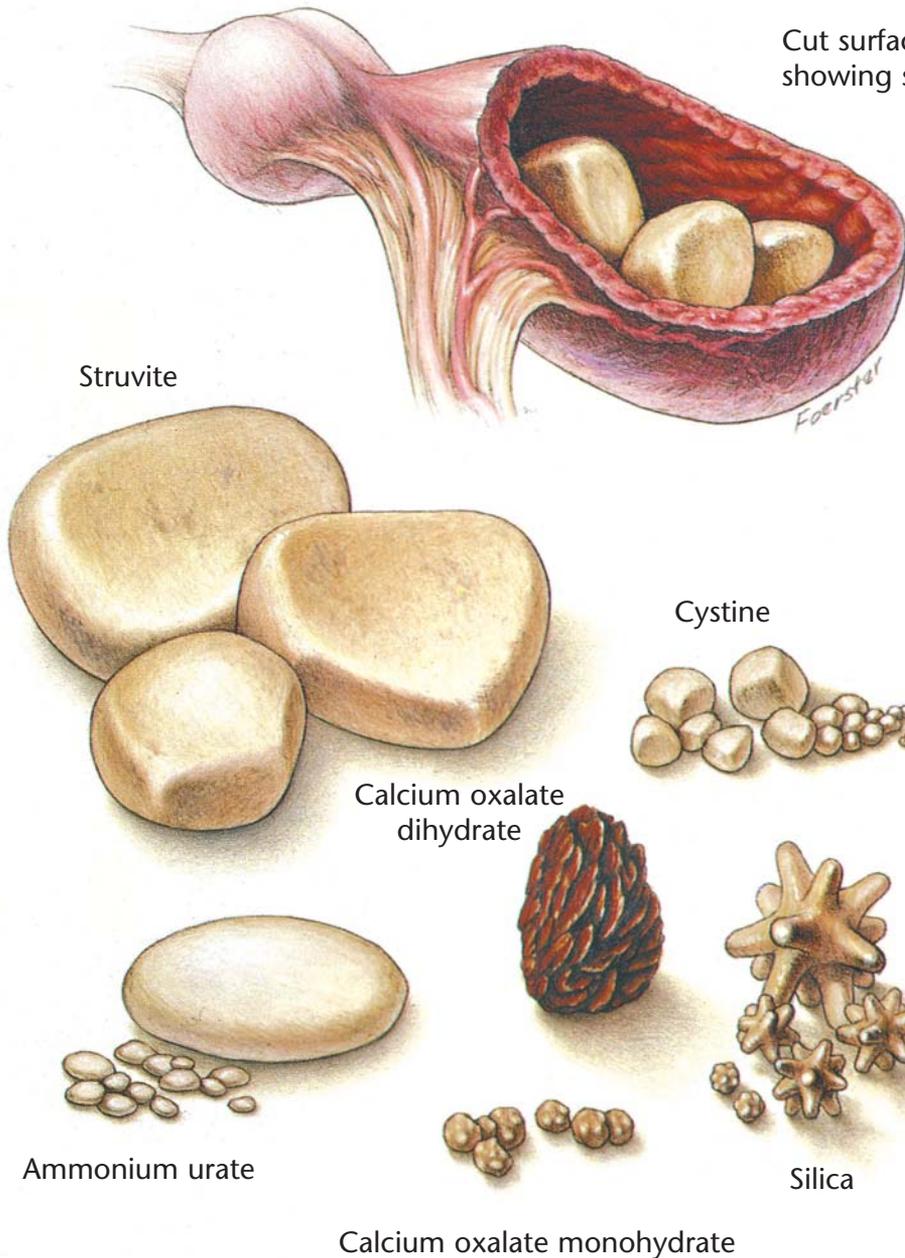
Therapeutic Plan

- Fluid therapy
- Diuretics
- Phosphate binders
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Drugs to control stomach acidity
- Peritoneal dialysis

Dietary Plan

A diet with controlled and appropriate levels of protein, phosphorus, sodium, and calories





Cut surface of a bladder showing struvite calculi

Bladder Stones

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Palpation of the urethra and urinary bladder
- Urinalysis
- Urine culture
- Blood work
- X-rays of the urinary tract
- Quantitative analysis of passed bladder stones

Therapeutic Plan*

- Fluid therapy
- Antibacterials
- Urease inhibitors
- Xanthine oxidase inhibitors
- Urine alkalinizers
- Thiol-containing drugs
- Surgery
- Voiding urohydropropulsion

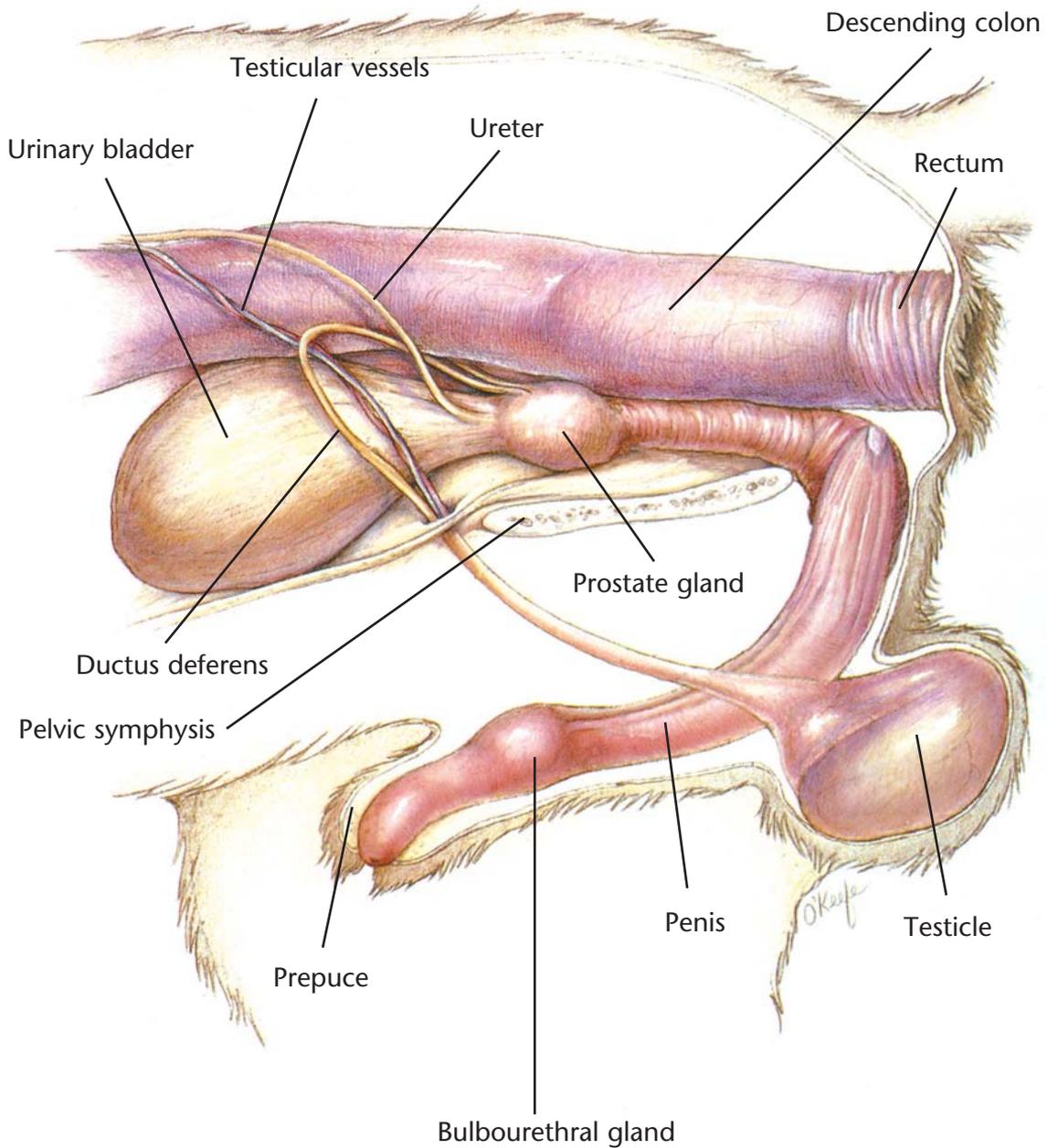
Dietary Plan*

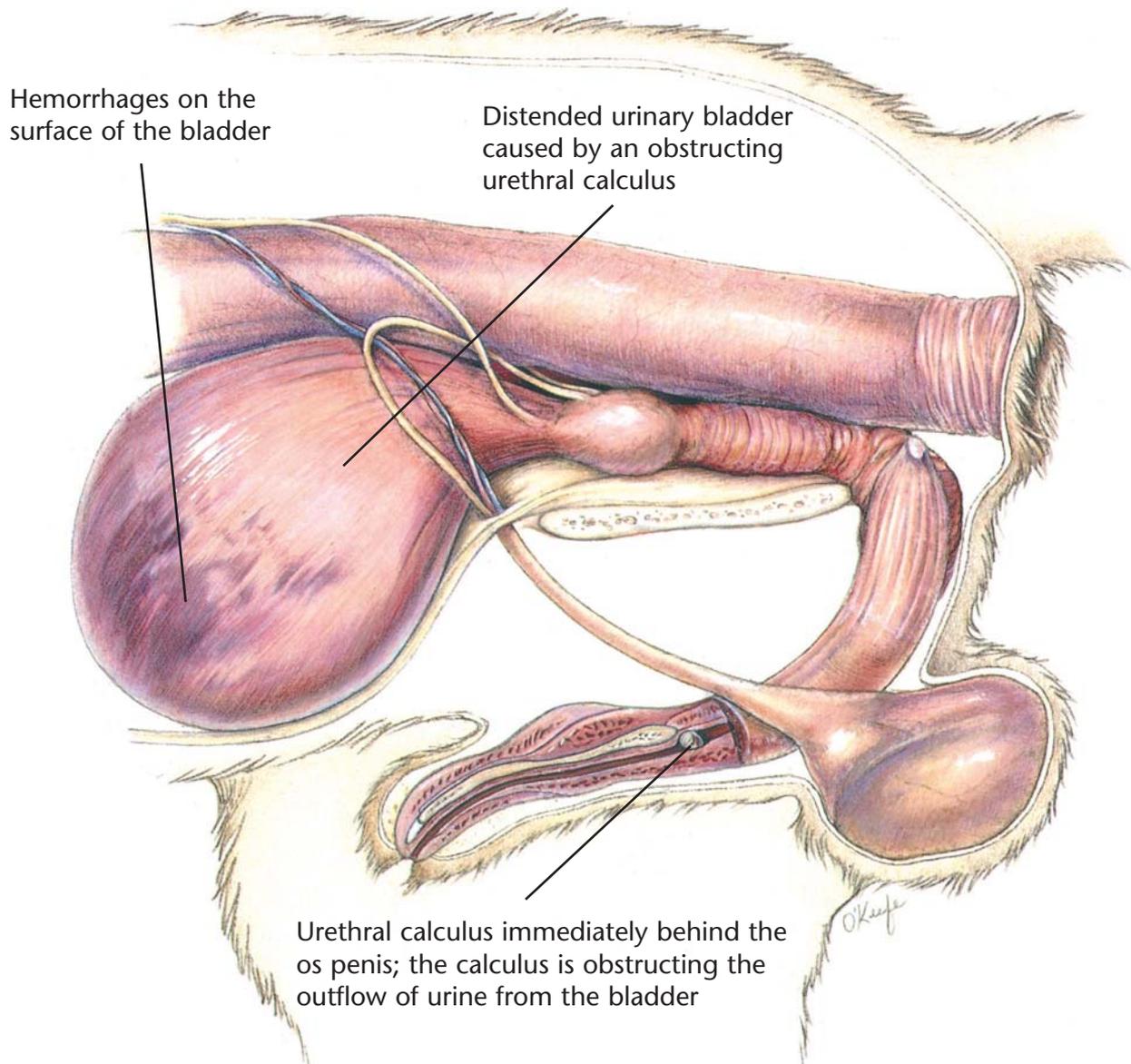
- For dissolution, the proper calculolytic diet
- To aid in prevention or recurrence, a diet that allows the body to produce the appropriate urine pH and avoids excesses of the urolith's precursors
- If surgery is necessary, a diet adequate for tissue repair

*Determined by stone type

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Normal Canine Lower Urinary System





Canine Urethral Obstruction

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Urethral palpation
- Abdominal palpation
- X-rays of the urinary tract
- Urinalysis
- Urine culture
- Blood work
- Analysis of passed bladder stones

Therapeutic Plan

- Emptying of the bladder
- Fluid therapy
- Flushing of the urethral calculi into the bladder
- Surgery

Dietary Plan

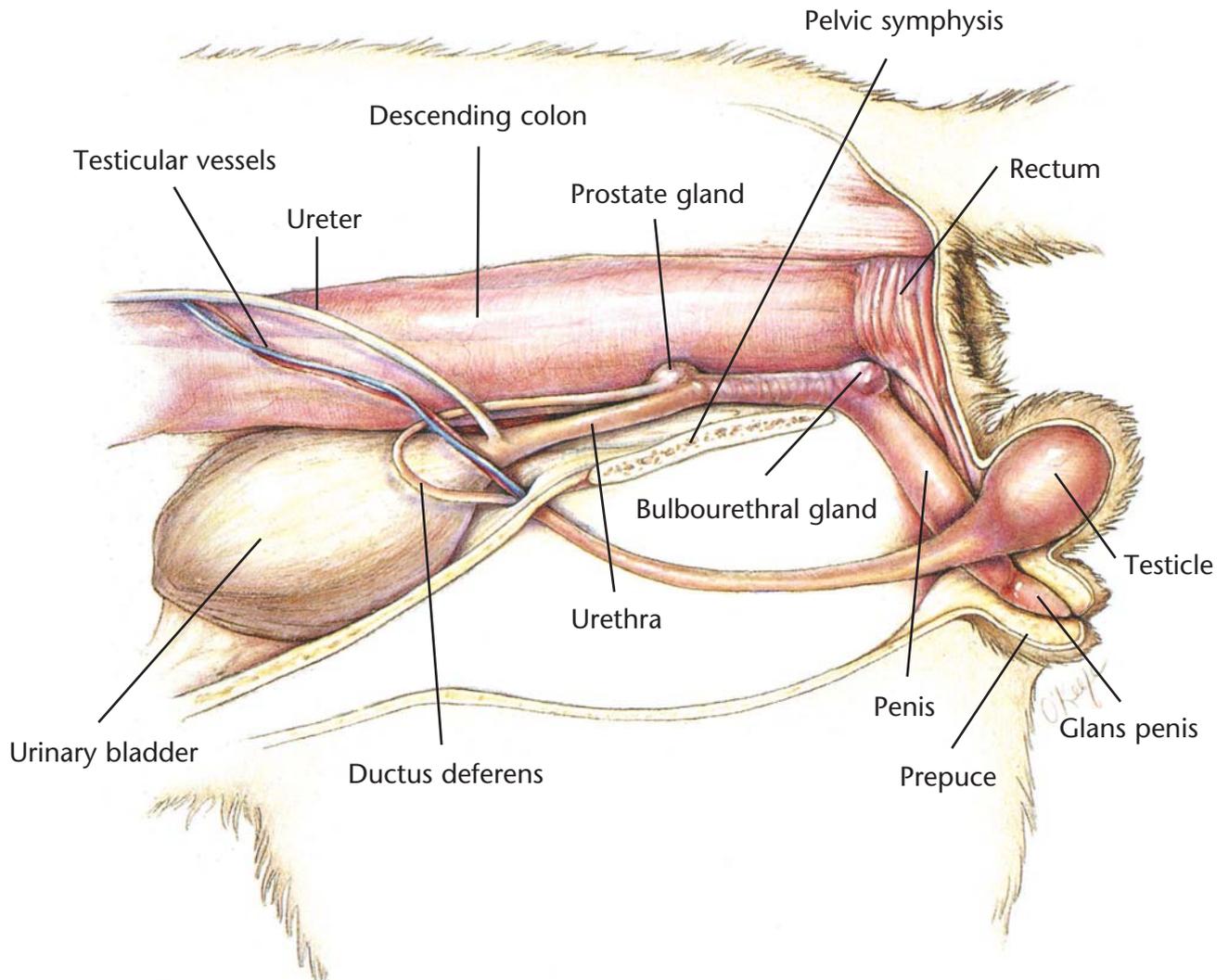
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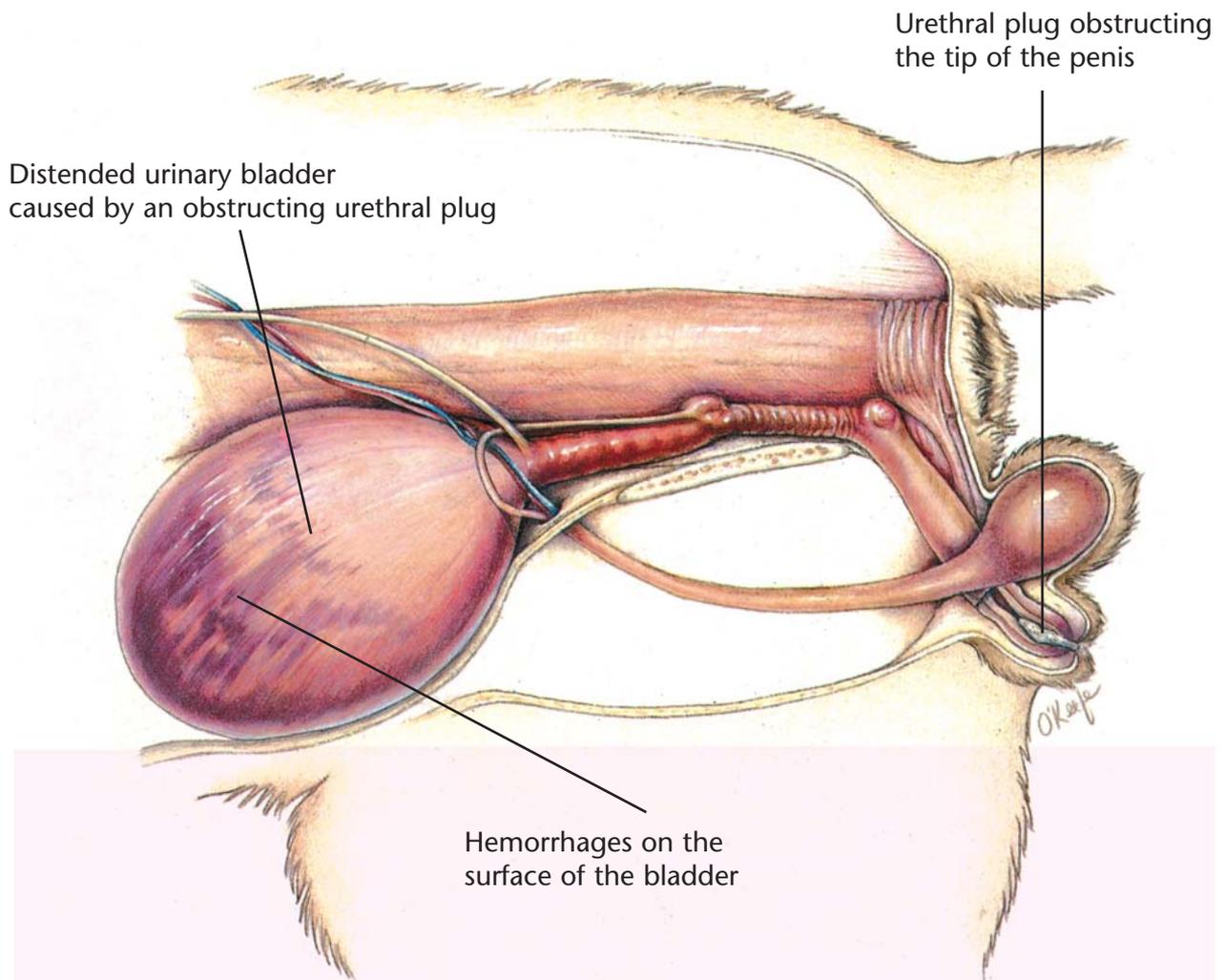
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If surgery is necessary, a diet adequate for tissue repair

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Normal Feline Lower Urinary System





Feline Urologic Syndrome

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Abdominal palpation
- Urethral palpation
- Urinalysis
- Urine culture
- X-rays of the urinary tract
- Blood work

Therapeutic Plan

- Emptying of the bladder
- Fluid therapy
- Removal of the urinary obstruction

Dietary Plan

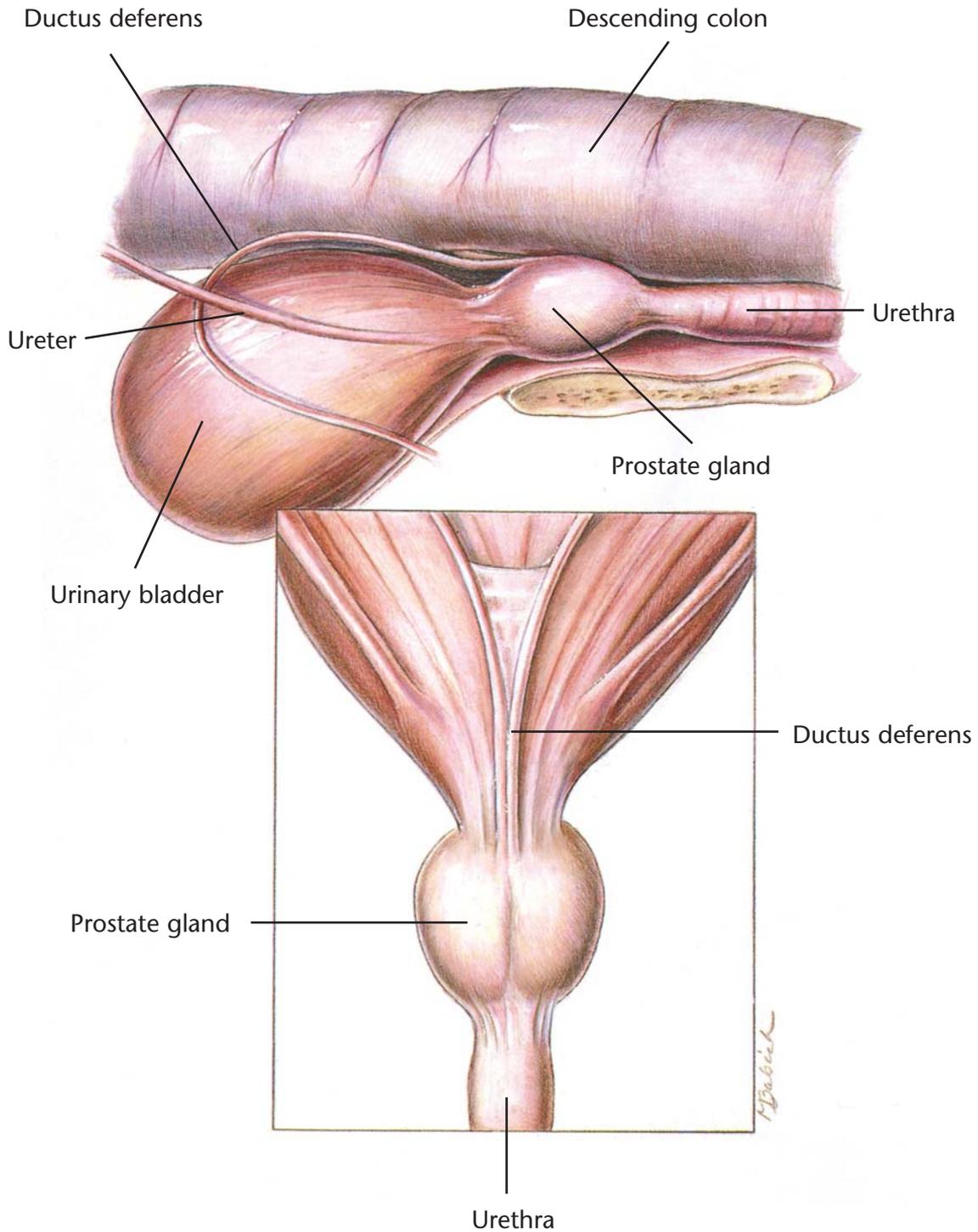
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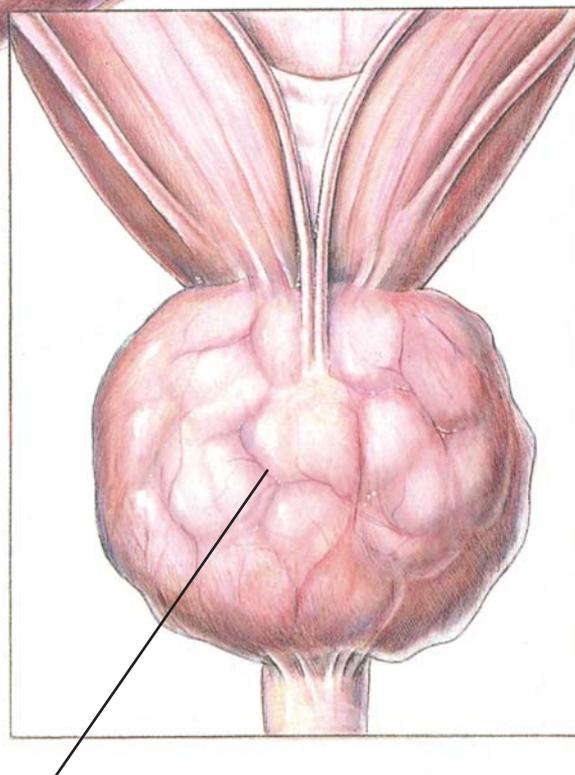
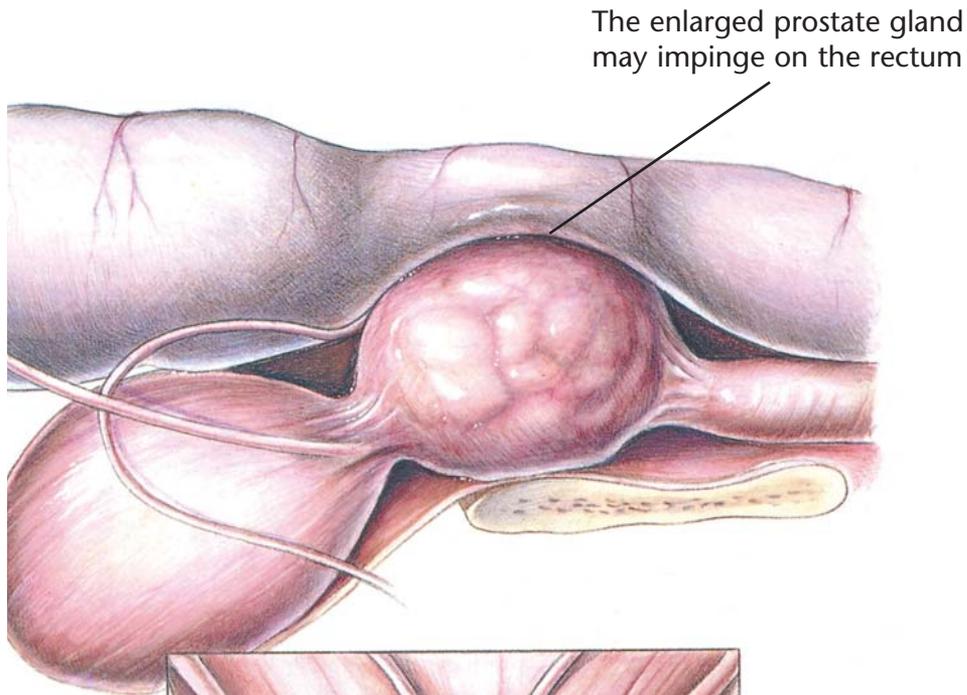
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Normal Prostate Gland





Diffuse enlargement of the prostate gland due to epithelial or glandular hyperplasia

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

Diagnostic Plan

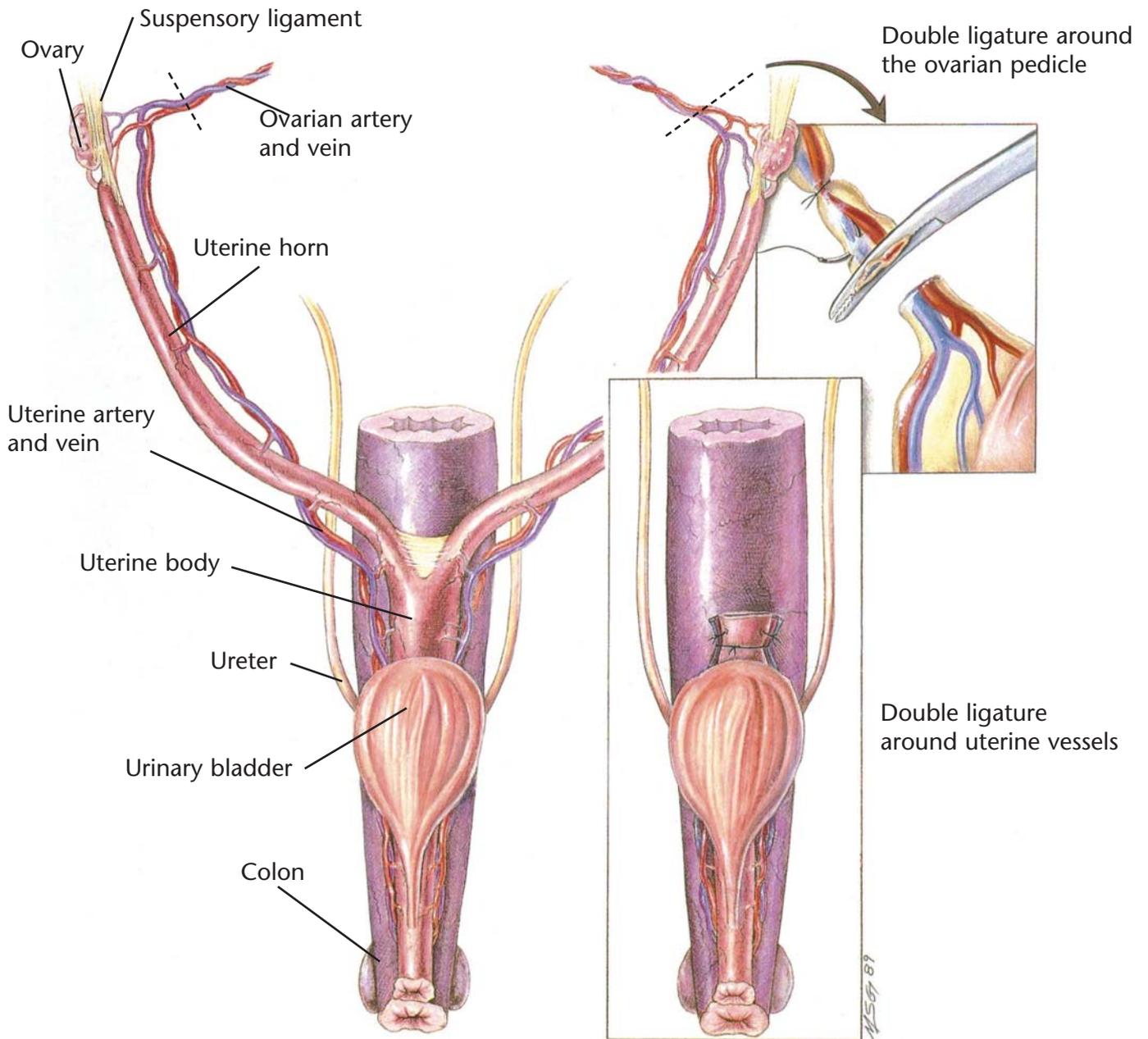
- History
- Physical examination
- Rectal palpation
- Abdominal palpation
- X-rays
- Ultrasound
- Urinalysis
- Urine culture
- Blood work
- Prostate biopsy

Therapeutic Plan

- Emptying of the bladder
- Enemas
- Stool softeners
- Castration
- Medical therapy

Dietary Plan

- If surgery is necessary, a diet adequate for tissue repair
- A low residue food



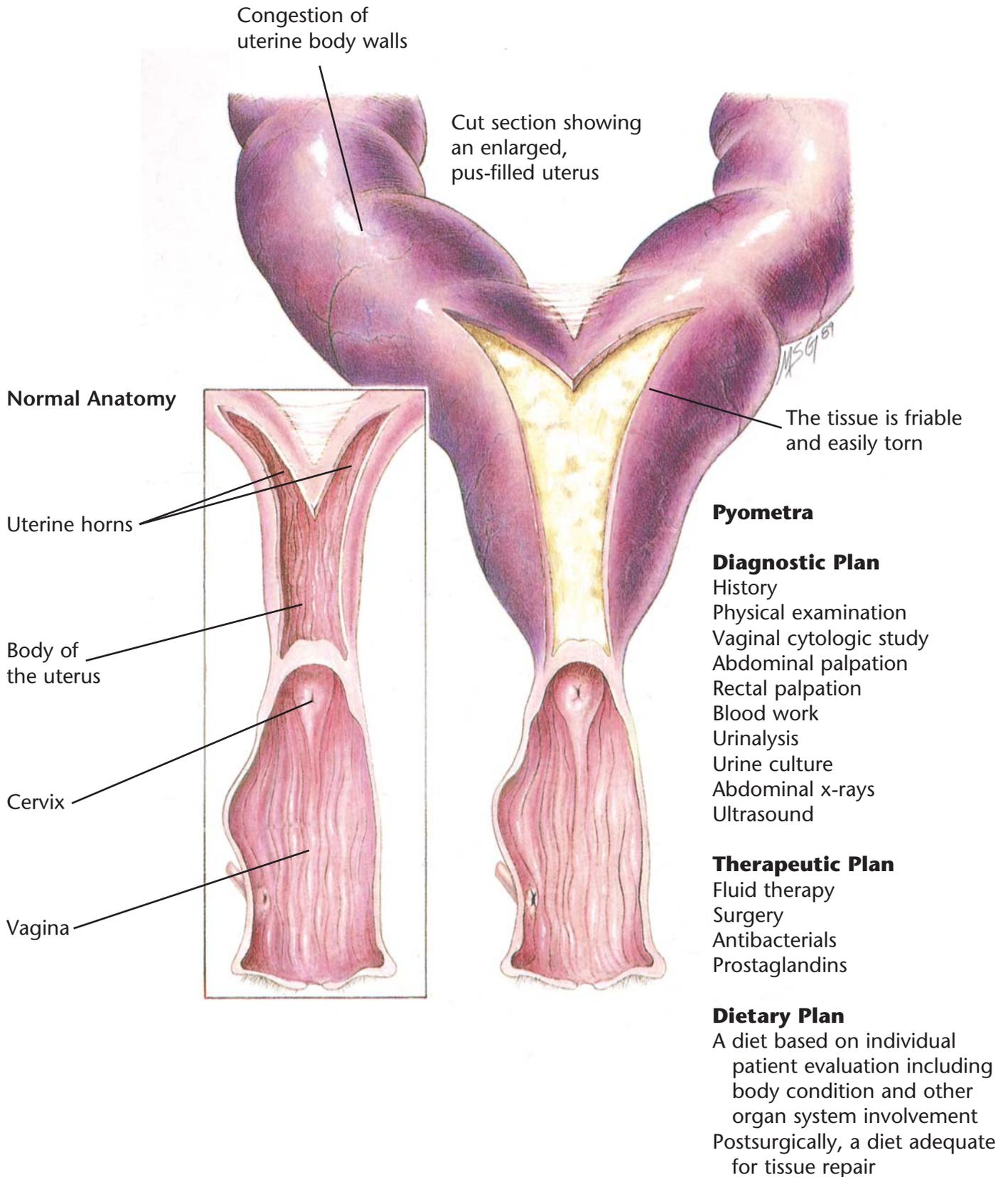
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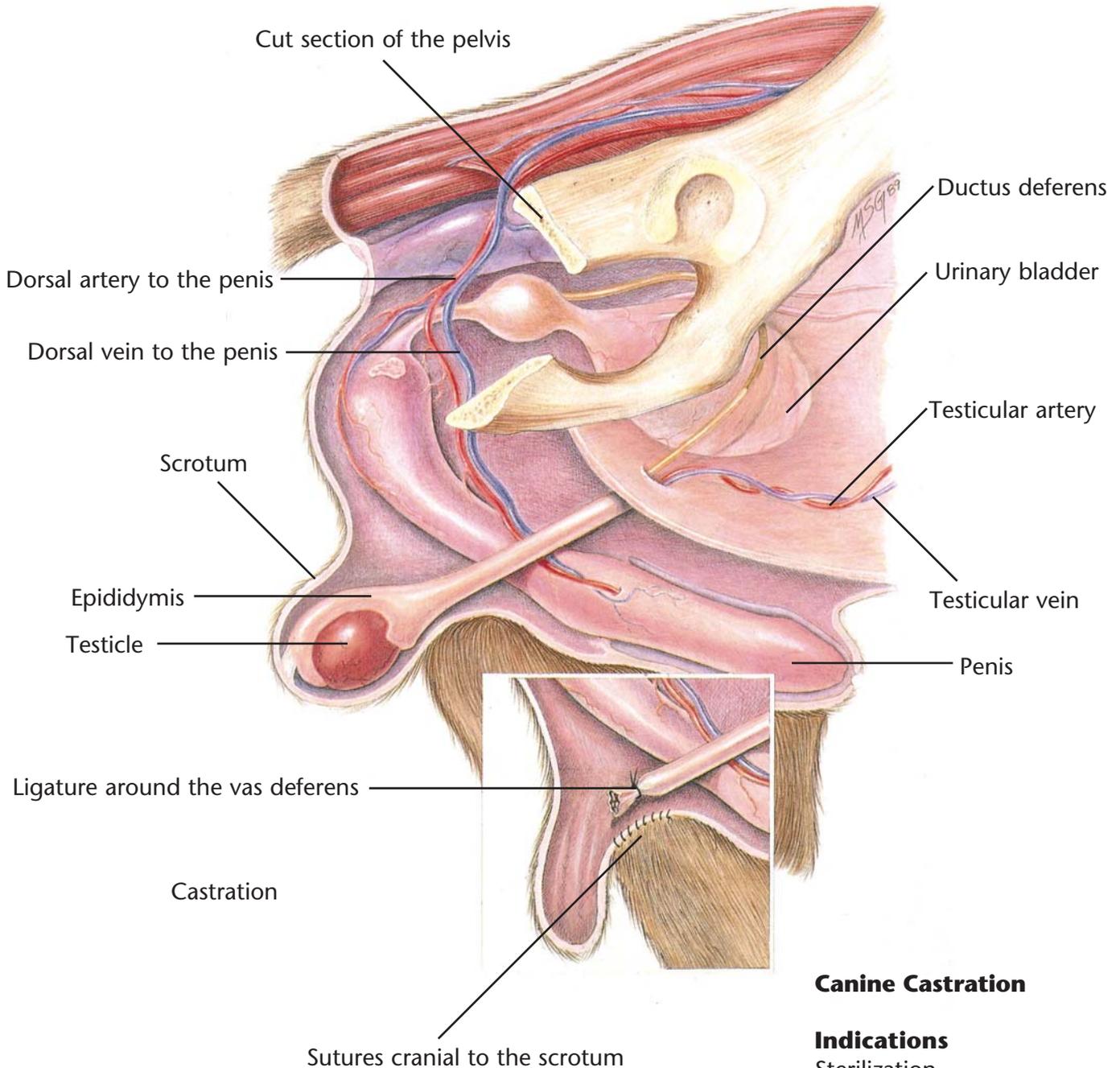
Indications

Sterilization
 Ovarian disease
 Uterine disease
 Behavioral problems
 Vaginal hyperplasia
 Diabetes
 Epilepsy
 Mammary tumor prevention

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair





Canine Castration

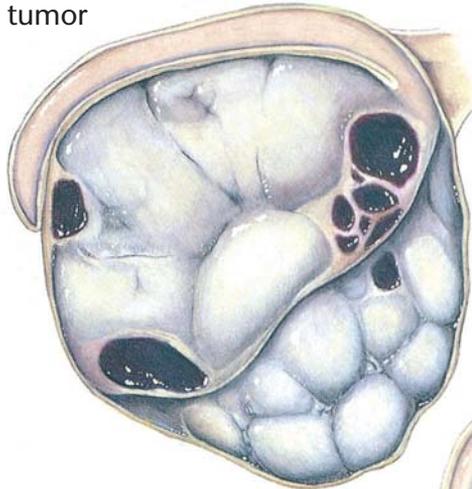
Indications

Sterilization
 Testicular disease
 Prostatic disease
 Behavioral problems
 Retained testicles

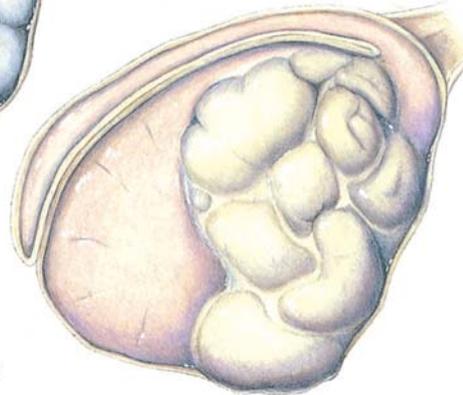
Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair

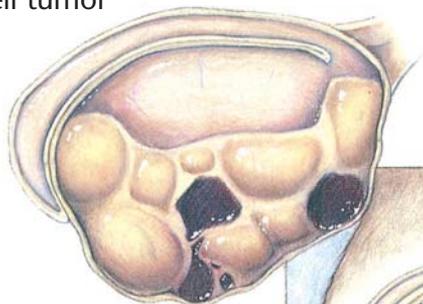
Sertoli-cell tumor



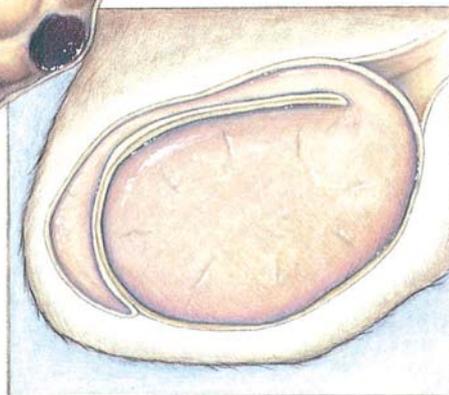
Seminoma



Leydig-cell tumor



Normal testis



Testicular Tumors

Diagnostic Plan

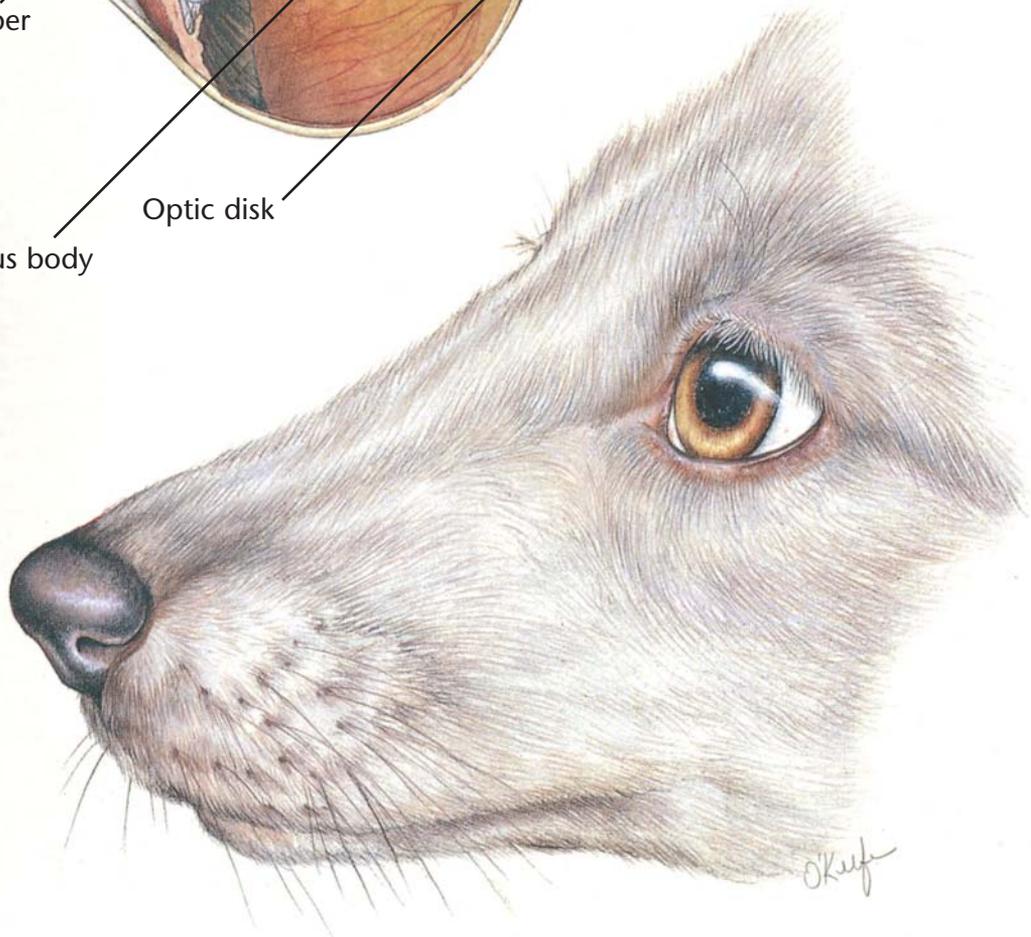
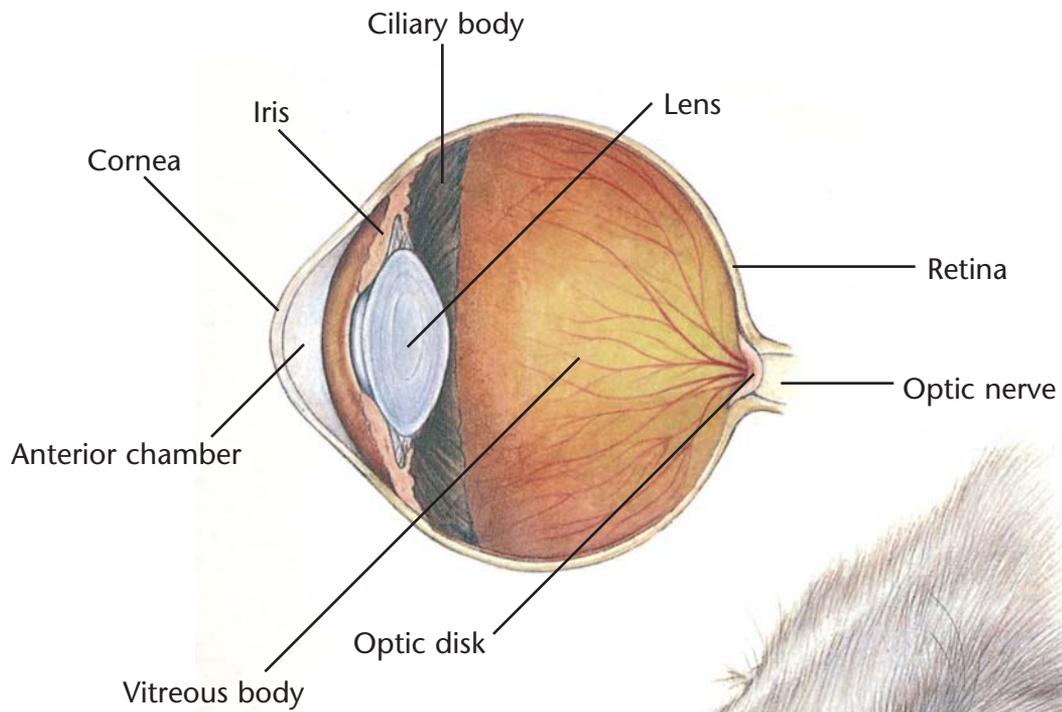
History
Physical examination
Testicular palpation
X-rays of the abdomen
Biopsy

Therapeutic Plan

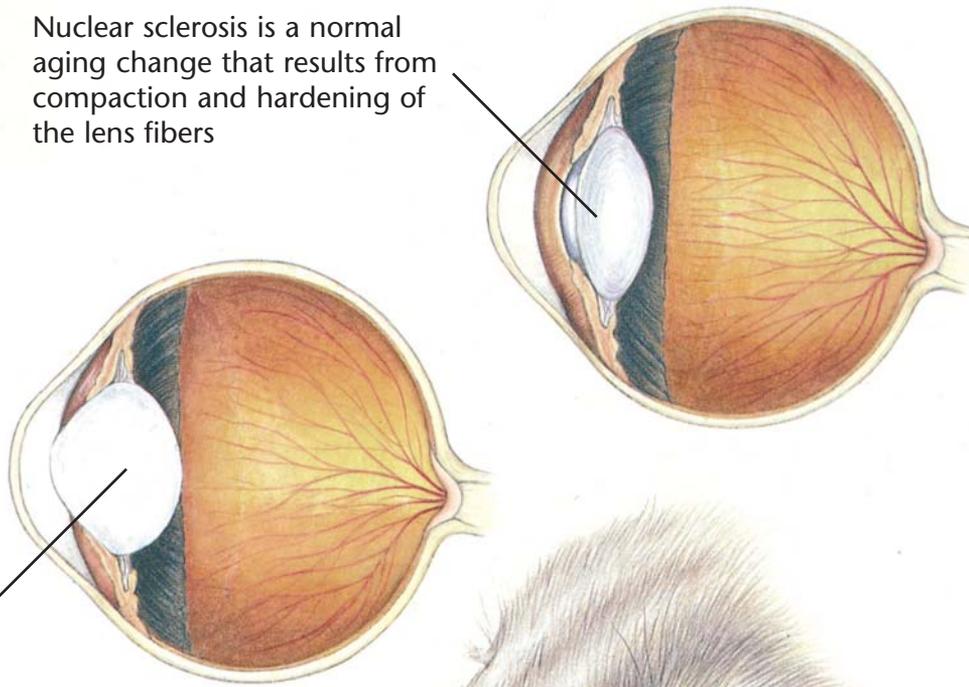
Surgery
Chemotherapy

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair
Consider body condition; feed a diet appropriate to maintain ideal body weight



Nuclear sclerosis is a normal aging change that results from compaction and hardening of the lens fibers



A cataract is an opacity of the lens fibers or capsule



Nuclear Sclerosis/Cataracts

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Ophthalmic examination
Blood tests
Urinalysis

Therapeutic Plan

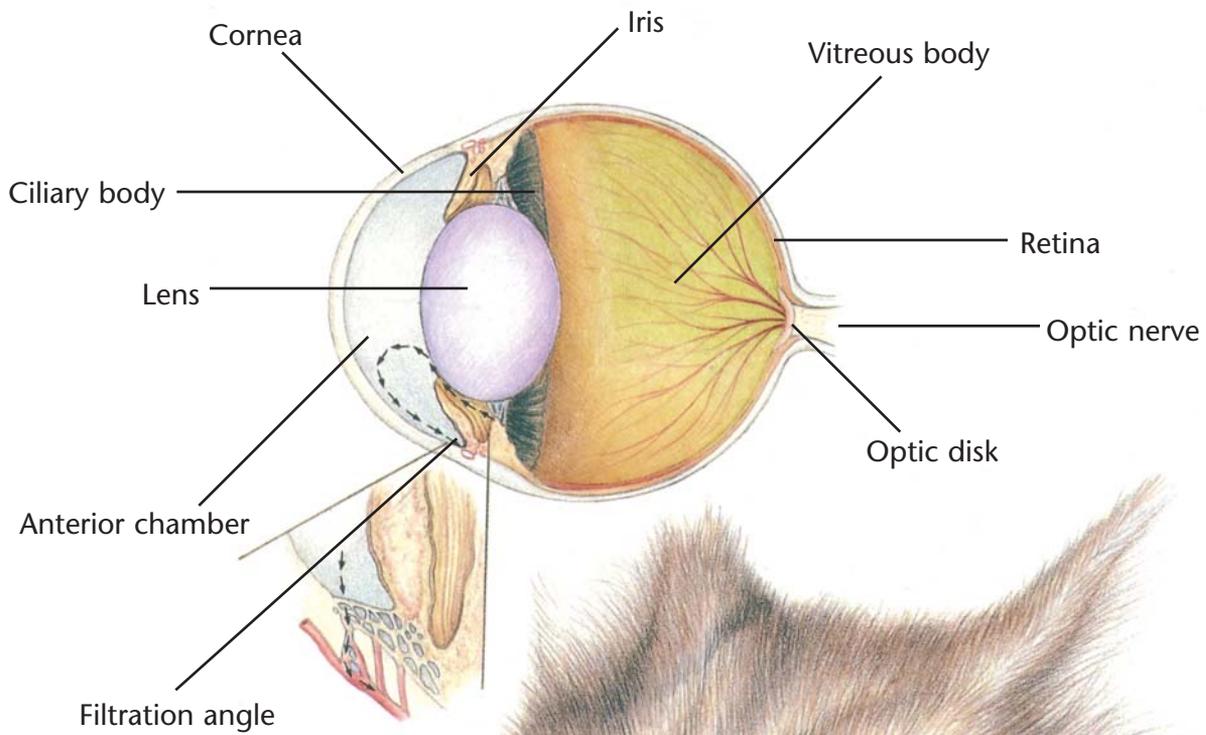
Surgery
Therapy for any concurrent disease
No therapy is necessary for nuclear sclerosis

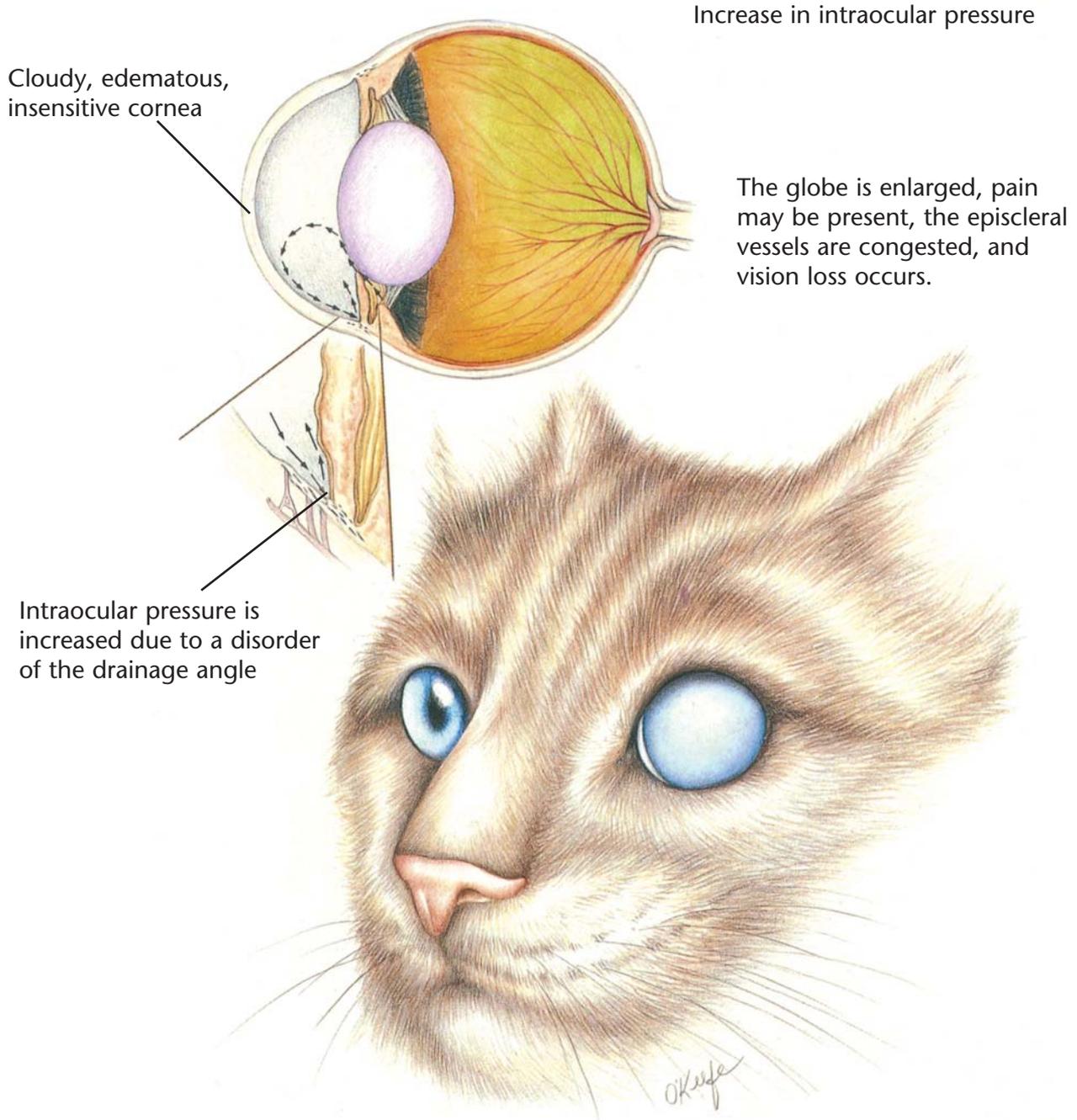
Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease

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Normal Feline Eye





Glaucoma

Diagnostic Plan

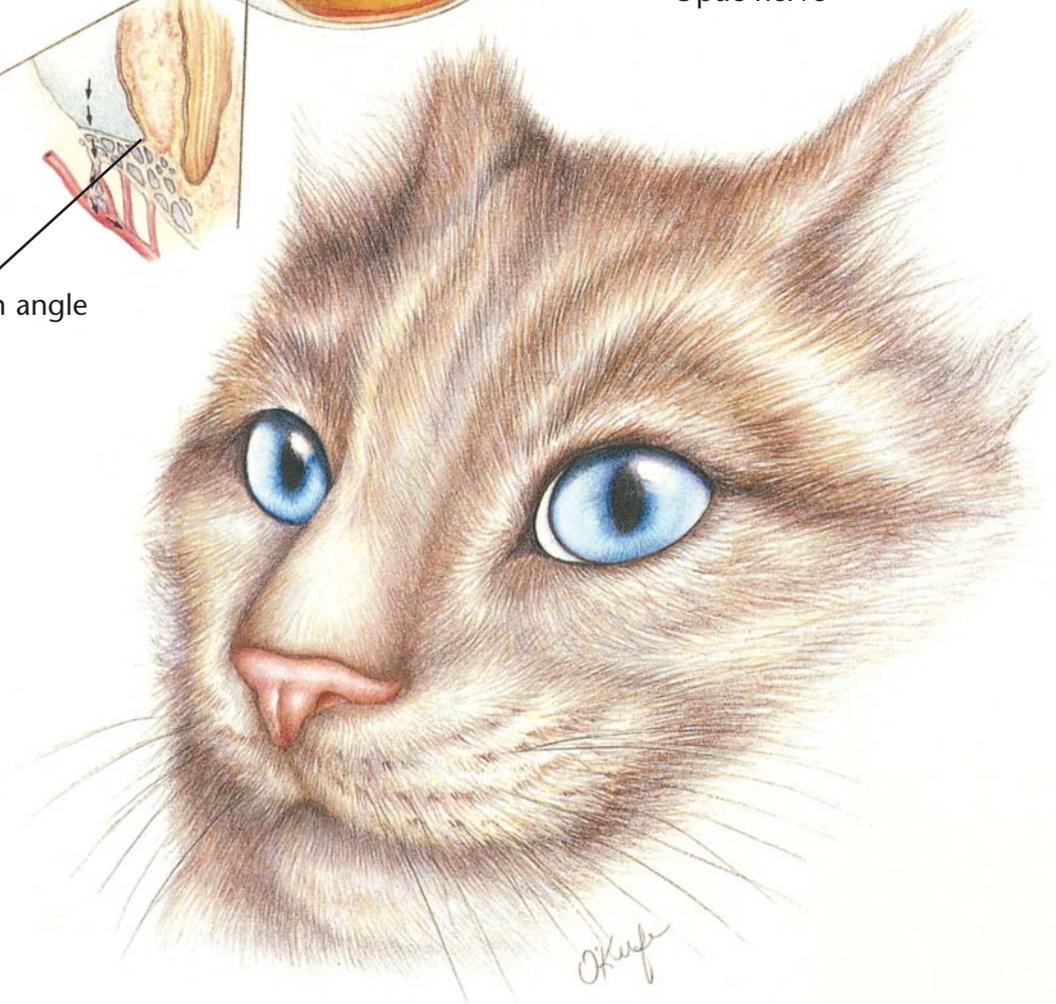
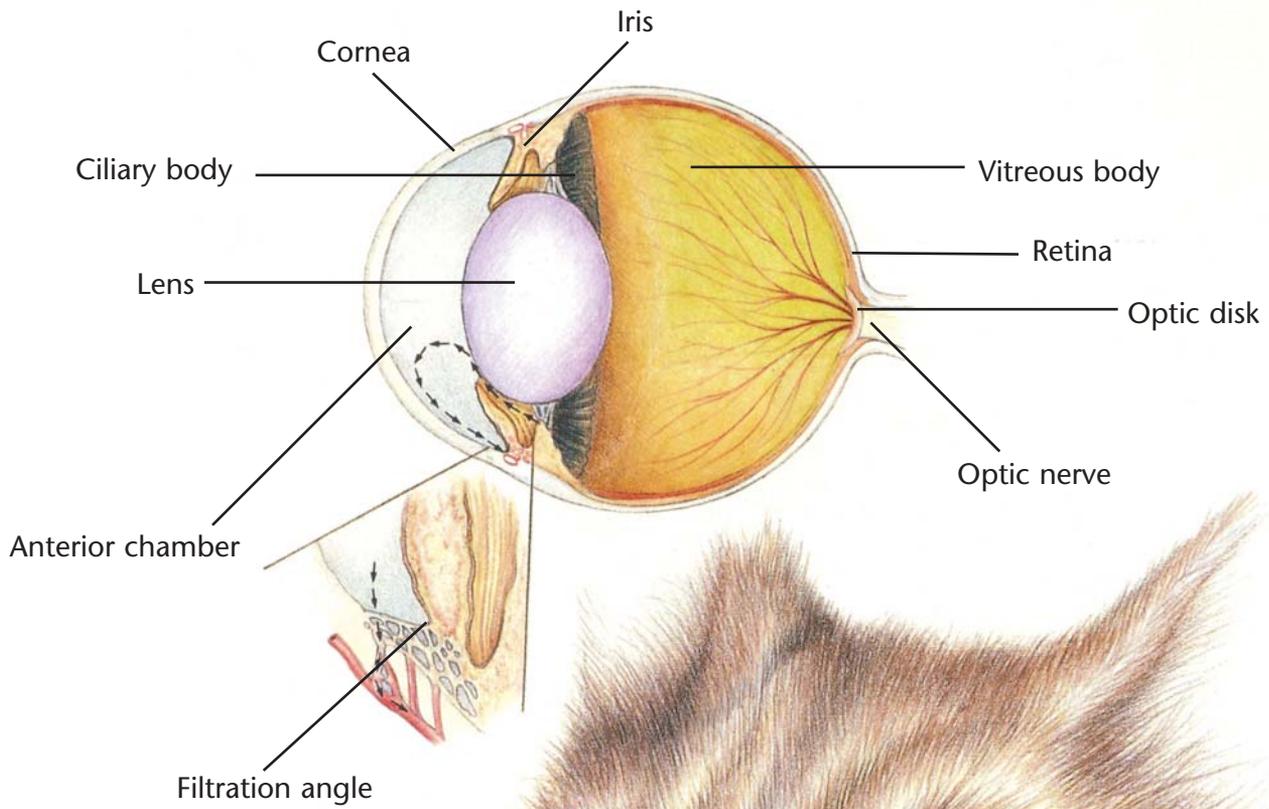
- History
- Physical examination
- Ocular examination
- Measurement of intraocular pressure

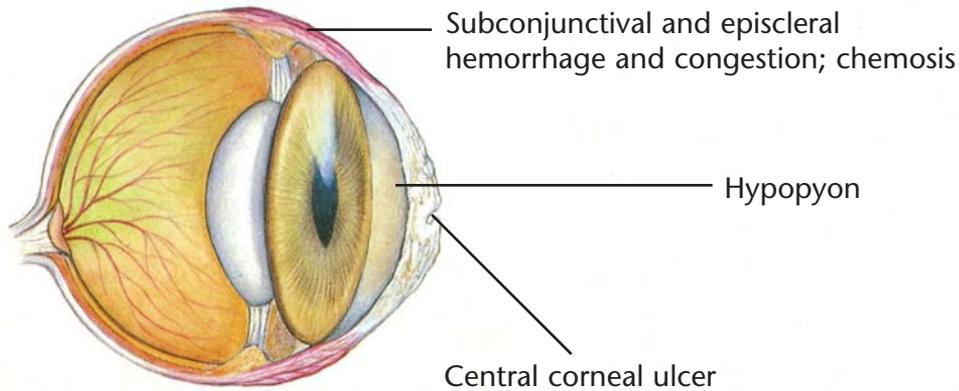
Therapeutic Plan

- Drugs that relieve intraocular pressure
- Surgery

Dietary Plan

- A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease





Corneal Ulceration

Diagnostic Plan

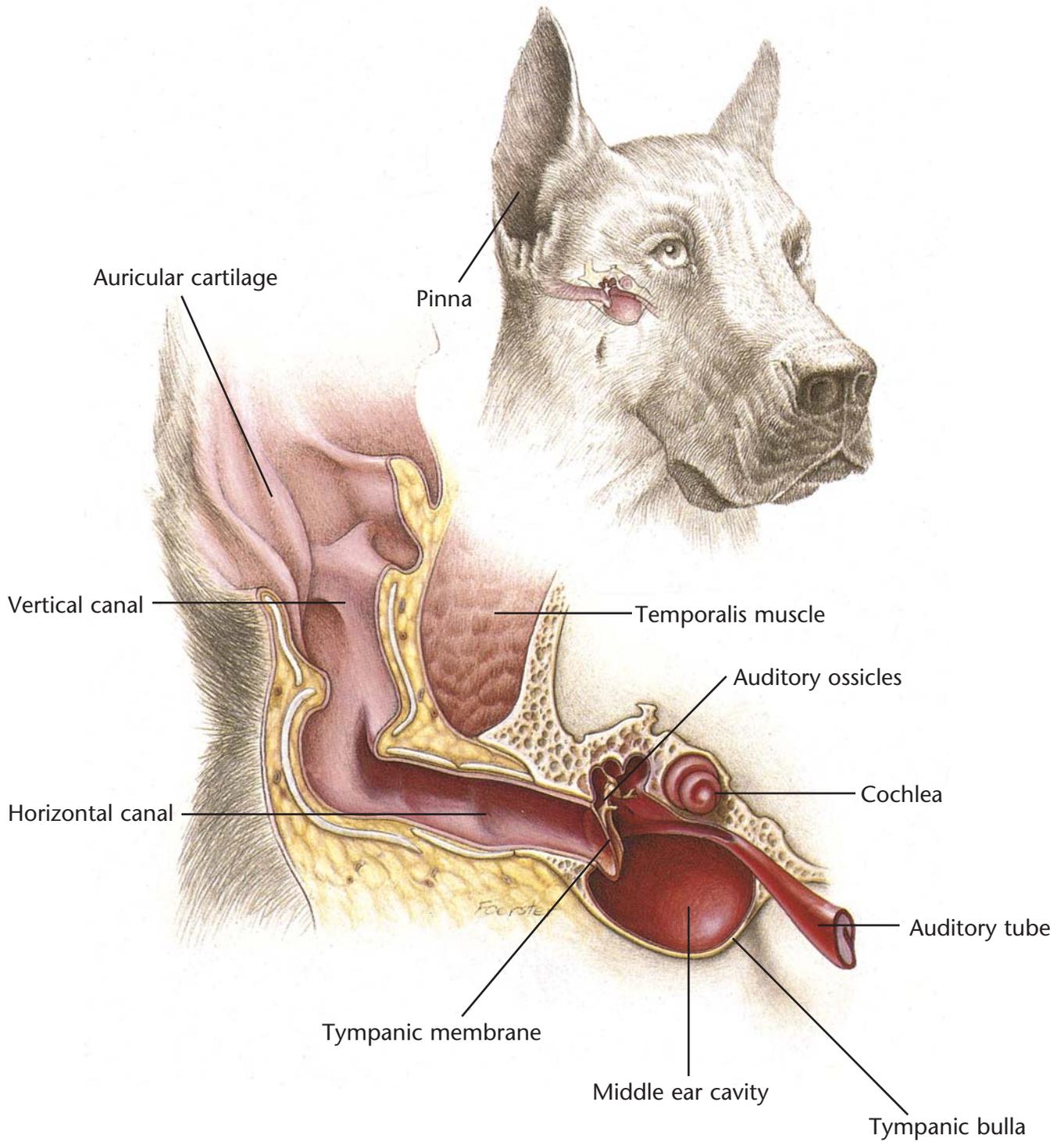
History
Physical examination
Ocular examination
Fluorescein stain
Culture
Cytologic examination

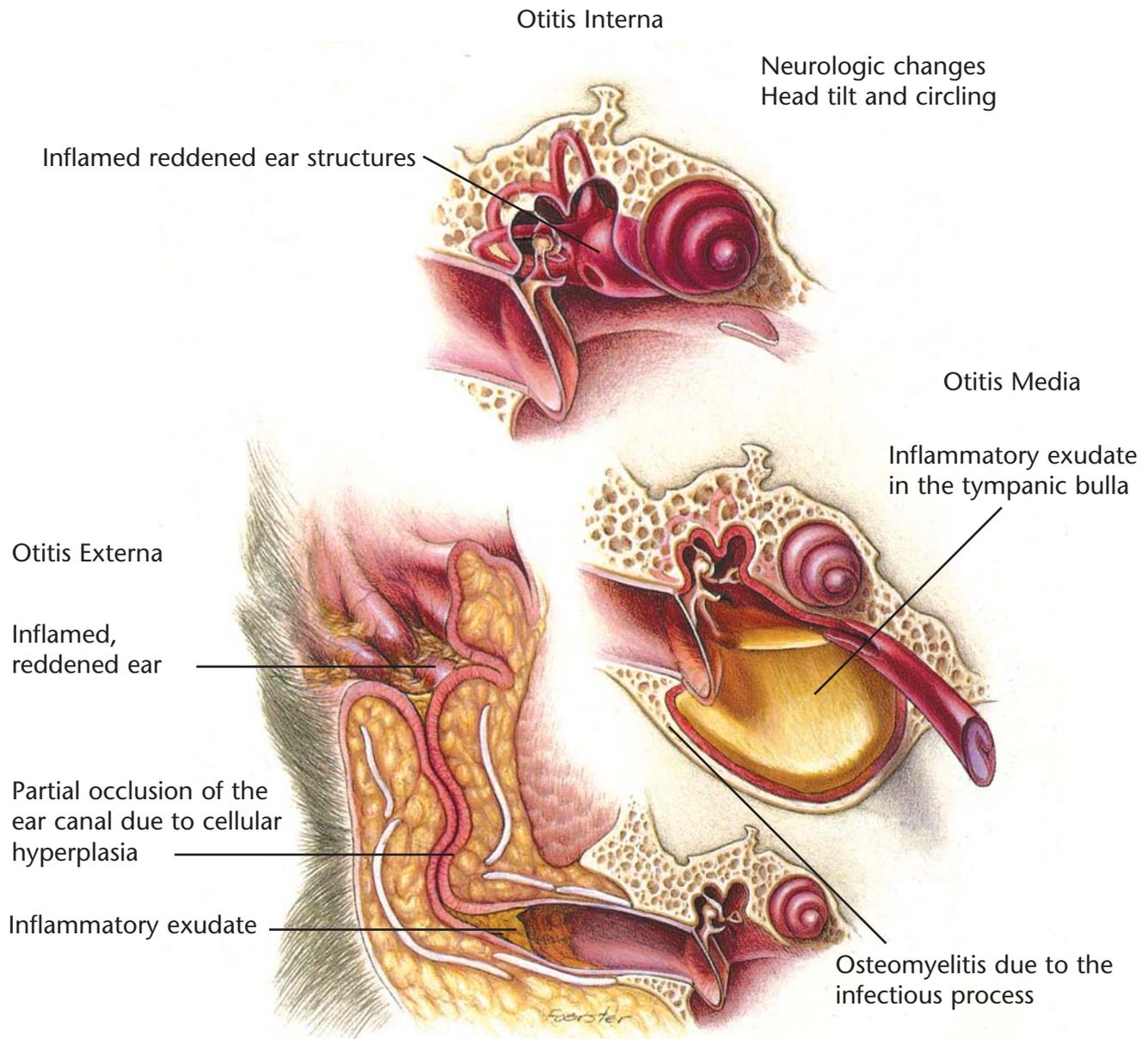
Therapeutic Plan

Antibacterial ointment and solutions
Drugs that dilate the pupil
Surgery
Drugs to lessen the risk of pigment formation in the cornea

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease





Otitis Externa, Media, Interna

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Ear examination
- Ear cultures
- Thyroid hormone levels
- Intradermal skin testing
- X-rays
- Therapeutic trials with insecticides and hypoallergenic diets

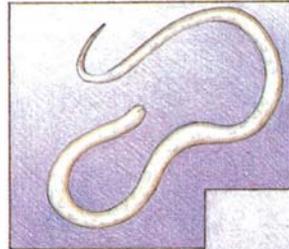
Therapeutic Plan

- Removal of ear canal hair
- Ear cleaning
- Topical application of antibacterials/corticosteroids
- Systemic antibacterials
- Systemic corticosteroids
- Surgery

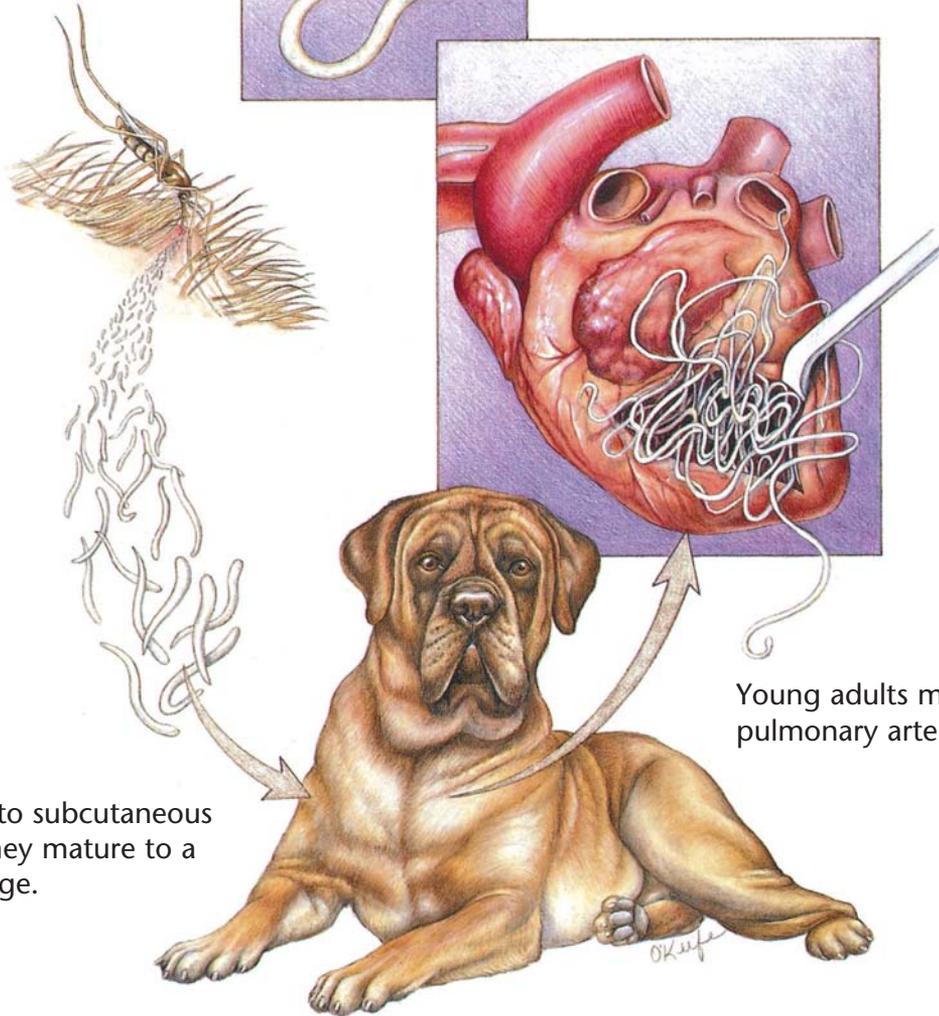
Dietary Plan

- A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease
- Hypoallergenic diets

Infected mosquitoes deposit heartworm larvae into the animal's hemolymph by puncturing the animal's skin.



Mature females release microfilariae into the bloodstream where they are picked up by mosquitoes.



Larvae migrate to subcutaneous tissues where they mature to a young-adult stage.

Young adults migrate to the pulmonary arteries and heart.

Heartworms

Diagnostic Plan

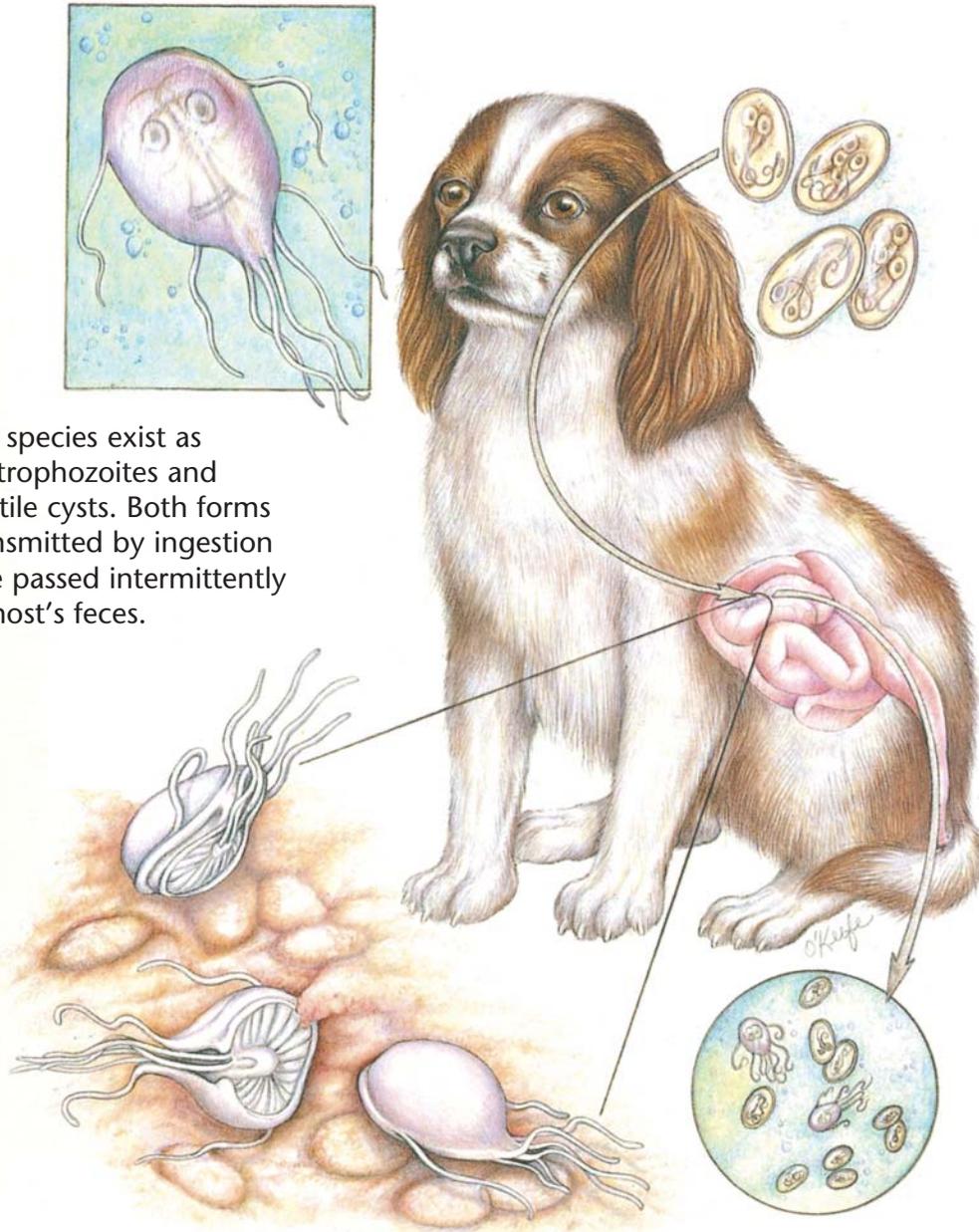
History
Physical examination
Heartworm check
Chest x-rays
Blood work
Urinalysis

Therapeutic Plan

Drugs to kill adult worms
Aspirin
Corticosteroids
Restricted exercise
Drugs to kill larvae in the bloodstream
Prevention
Surgery

Dietary Plan

A diet with controlled levels of protein, phosphorus, and sodium
Consider body condition



Giardia species exist as motile trophozoites and nonmotile cysts. Both forms are transmitted by ingestion and are passed intermittently in the host's feces.

Giardia

Diagnostic Plan

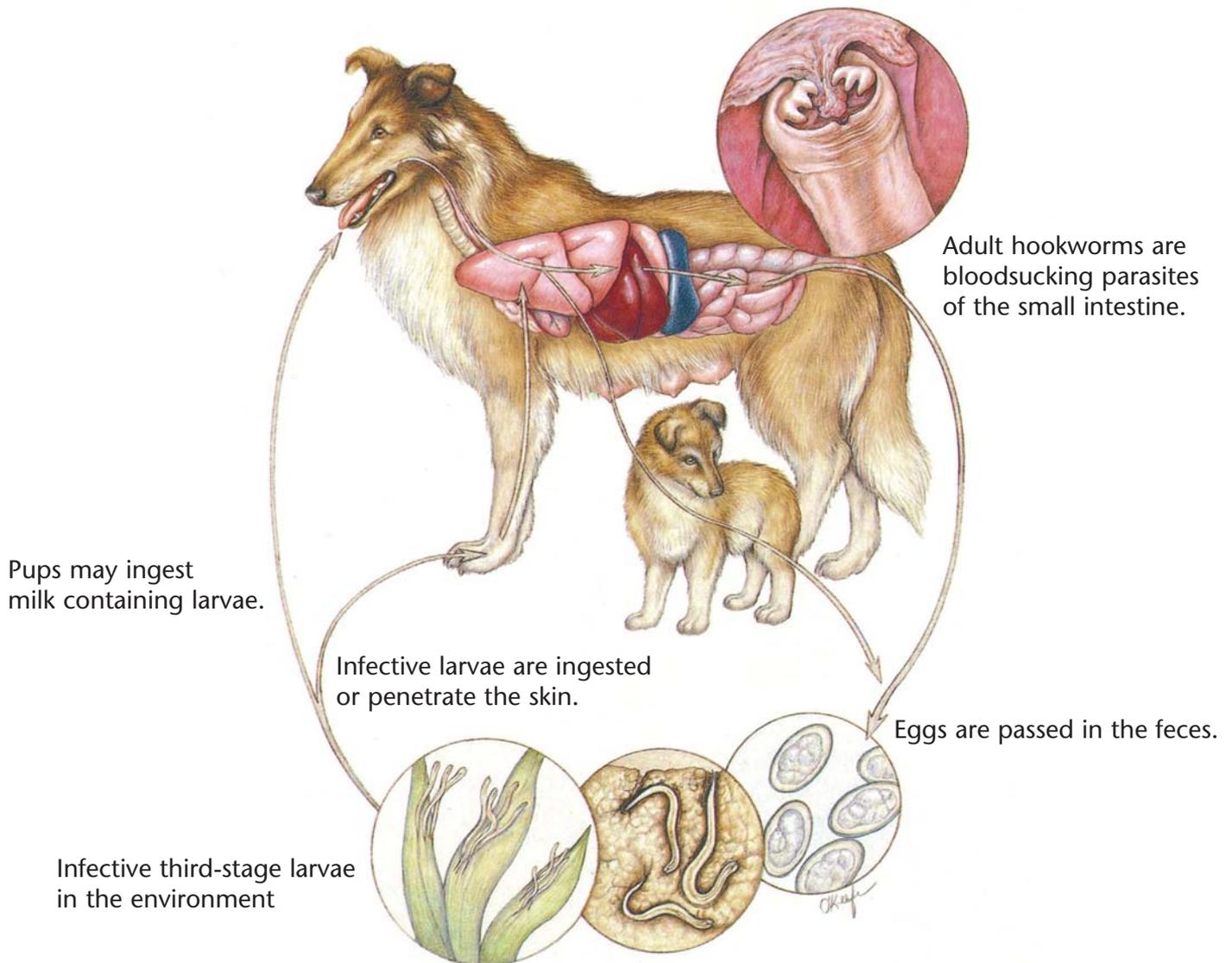
History
Physical examination
Stool analysis
Analysis of intestinal scrapings
collected during endoscopy
Blood test
(*Giardia* antigen test)

Therapeutic Plan

Drugs to kill the parasite

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Hookworms

Diagnostic Plan

History
 Physical examination
 Stool analysis
 Blood work

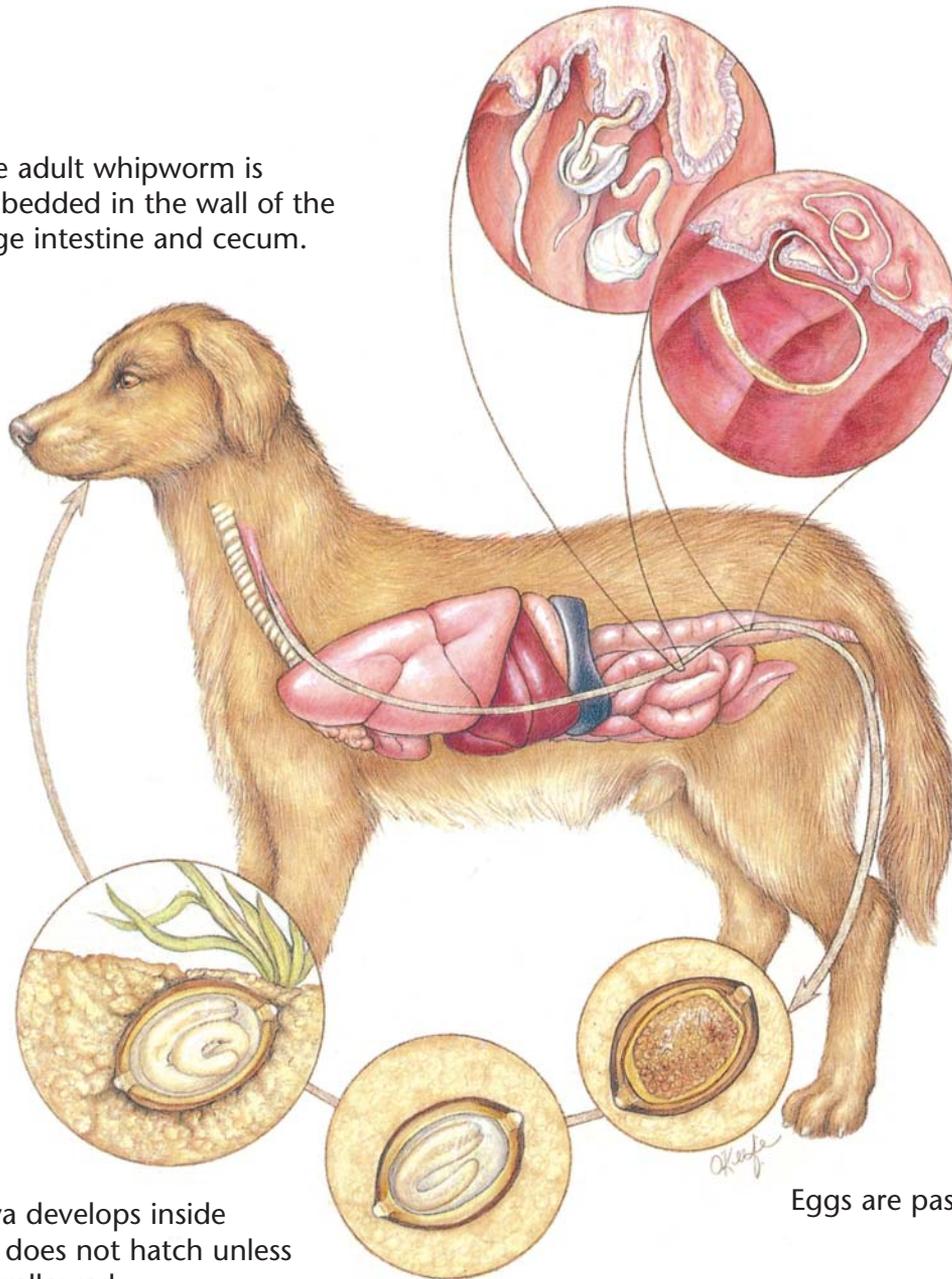
Therapeutic Plan

Dewormers
 Blood transfusions
 Supportive therapy

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease

The adult whipworm is embedded in the wall of the large intestine and cecum.



Infected larva develops inside the egg but does not hatch unless the egg is swallowed.

Eggs are passed in the feces.

Whipworms

Diagnostic Plan

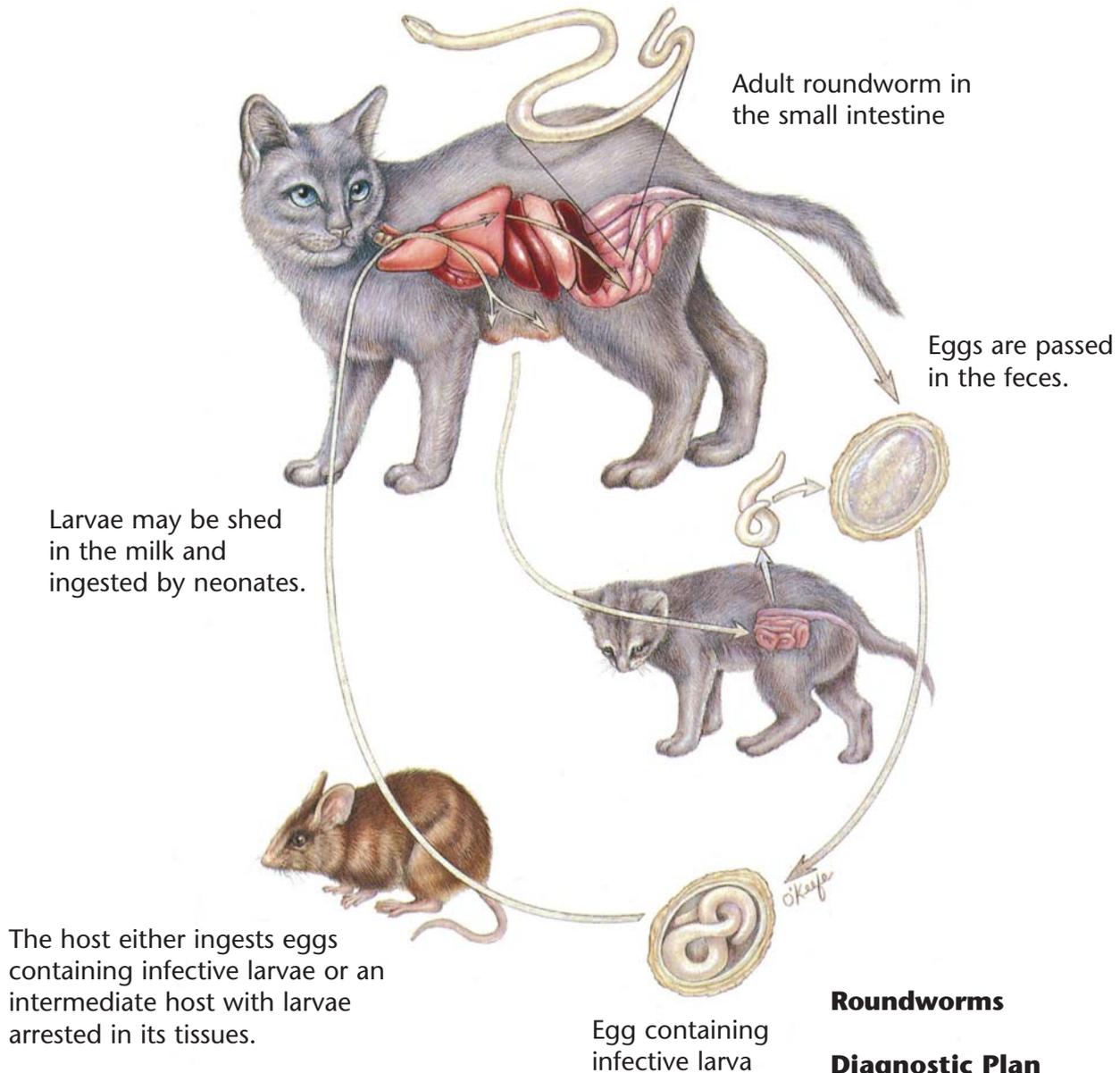
- History
- Physical examination
- Stool analysis
- Colonoscopy
- Therapeutic deworming

Therapeutic Plan

- Dewormers
- Supportive therapy

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Roundworms

Diagnostic Plan

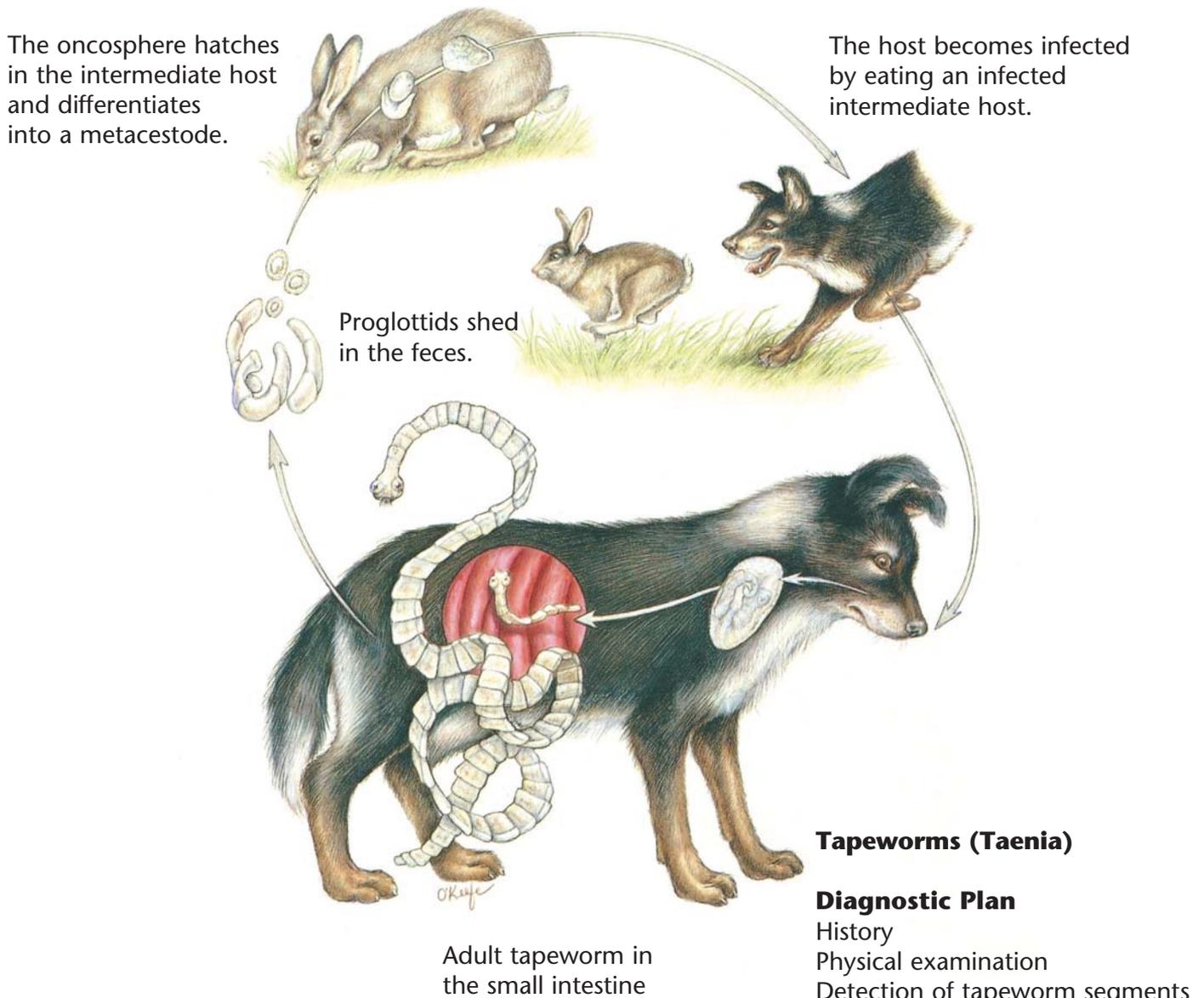
History
Physical examination
Stool analysis

Therapeutic Plan

Dewormers
Supportive therapy

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Tapeworms (*Taenia*)

Diagnostic Plan

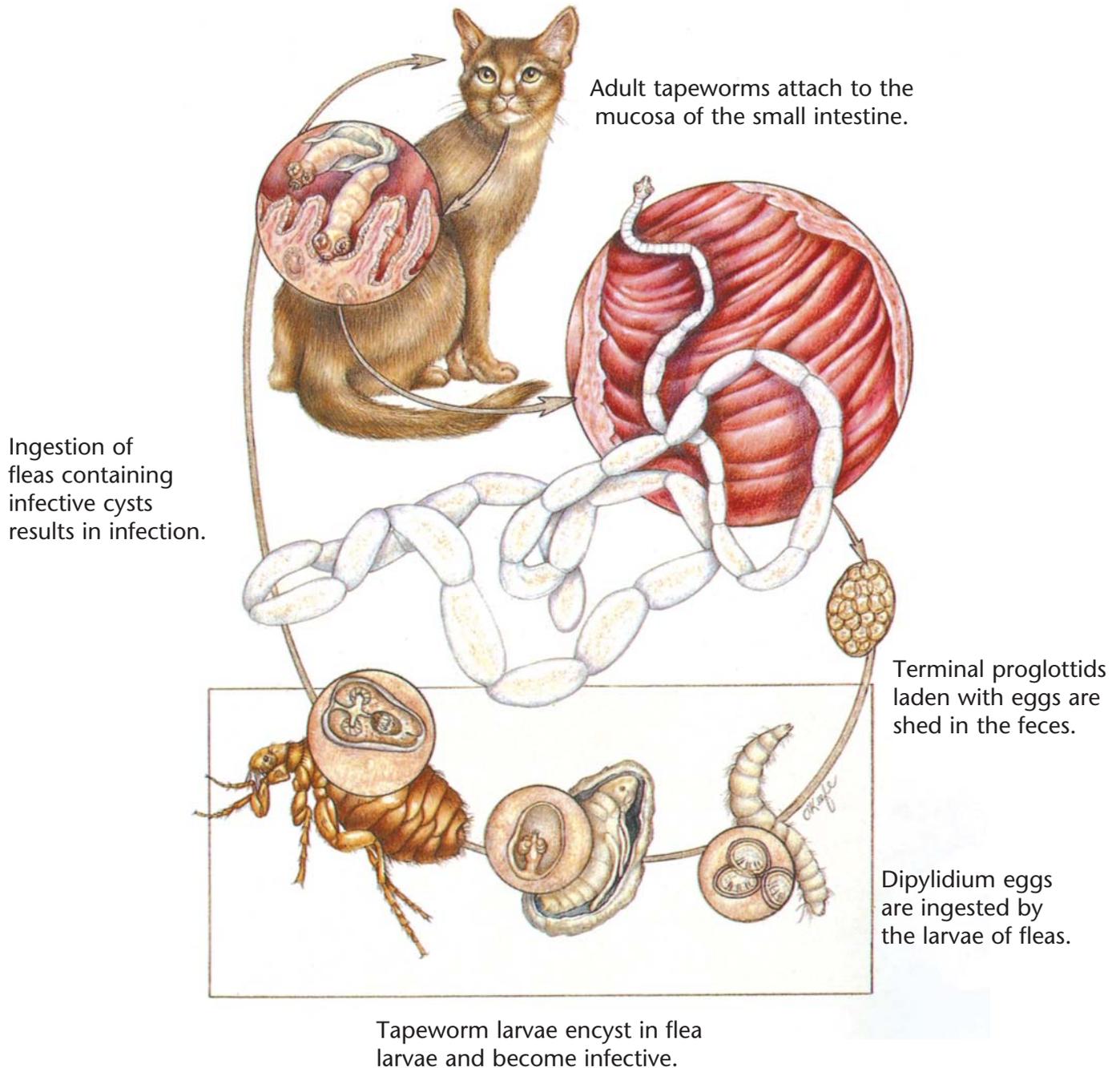
- History
- Physical examination
- Detection of tapeworm segments in the stool

Therapeutic Plan

- Dewormers
- Control of patient's hunting and eating habits

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Tapeworms (*Dipylidium caninum*)

Diagnostic Plan

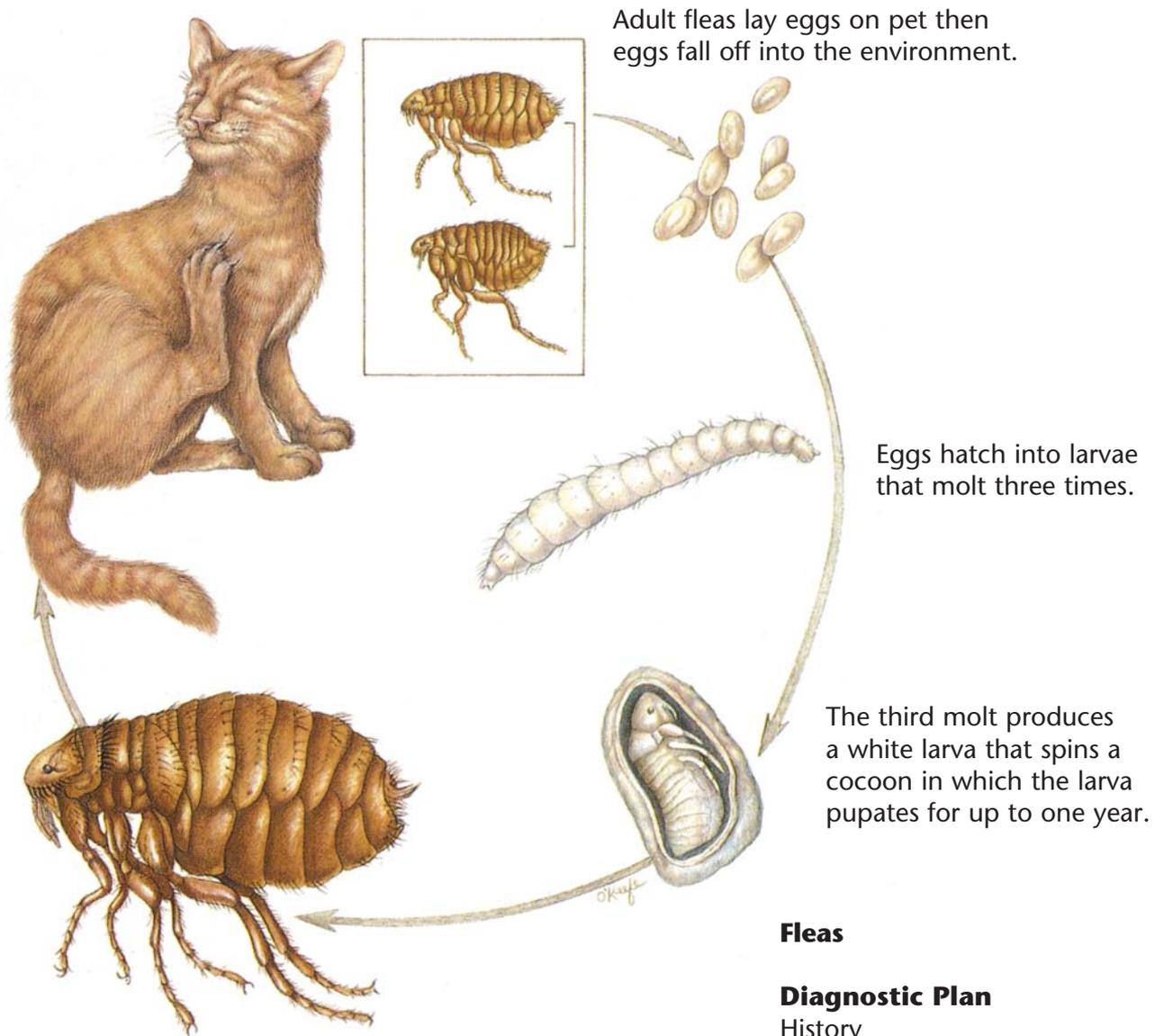
History
 Physical examination
 Detection of tapeworm segments in the stool
 Detection of fleas or flea dirt

Therapeutic Plan

Dewormers
 Flea control

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Adult fleas lay eggs on pet then eggs fall off into the environment.

Eggs hatch into larvae that molt three times.

The third molt produces a white larva that spins a cocoon in which the larva pupates for up to one year.

The adult flea emerges from the cocoon and seeks a host on which to feed.

Fleas

Diagnostic Plan

- History
- Physical examination
- Stool inspection for tapeworm segments

Therapeutic Plan

- Flea control

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease

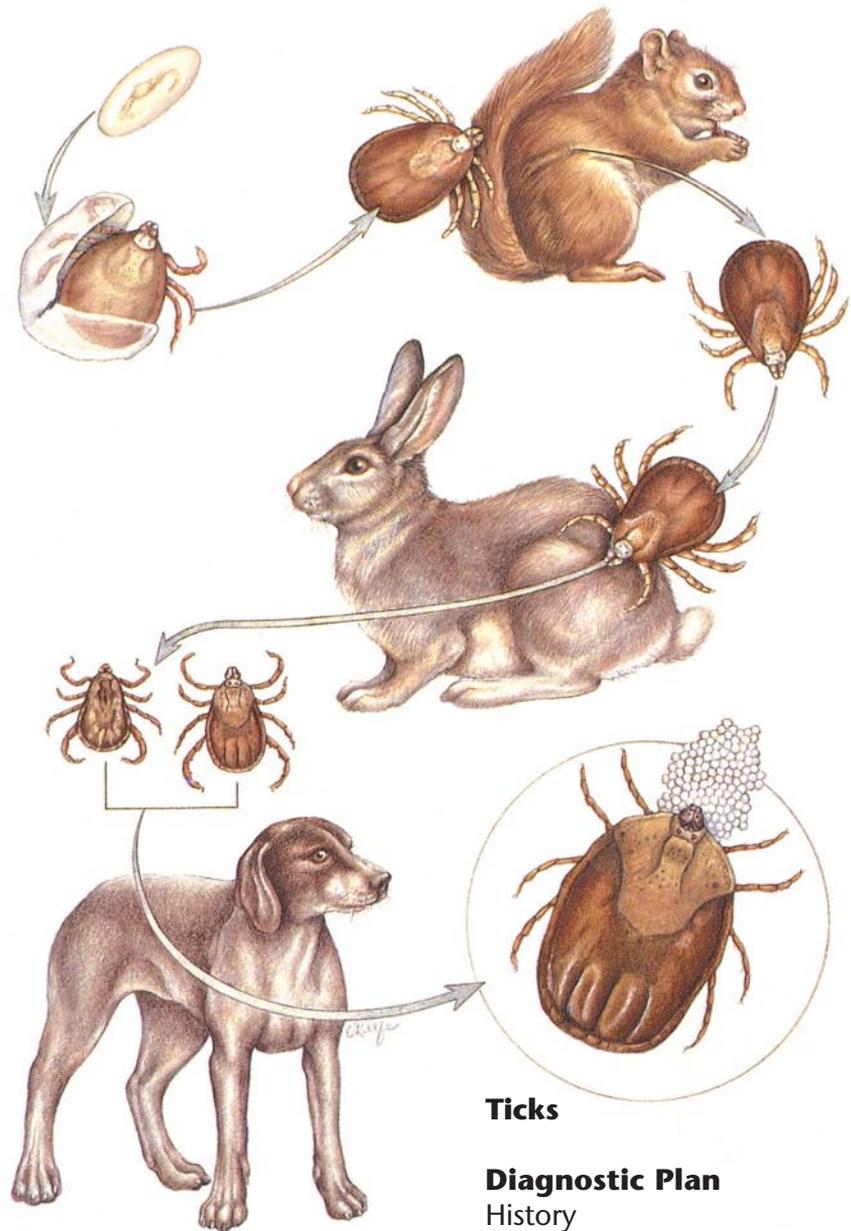
Adult ticks lay thousands of eggs, which undergo two molts: larva to nymph and nymph to adult.

Larvae, nymphs, and adults feed on blood and lymph.

Dermacentor variabilis larvae and nymphs feed on small mammals and drop off between molts.

Adults feed on pets.

Rhipicephalus sanguineus larvae, nymphs, and adults all feed on pets.



Ticks

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination

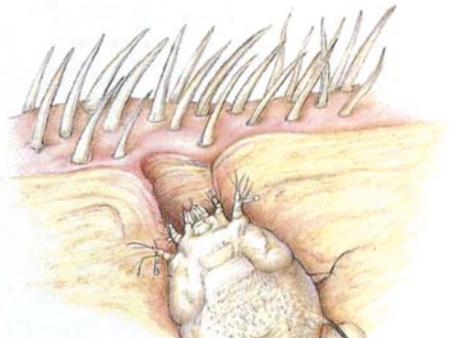
Therapeutic Plan

Tick removal
Insecticide baths or dips
Topical insecticide dips or baths

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease

Sarcoptes



Female mites burrow into the skin and lay eggs in the tunnels that they form.

Larvae and nymphs develop in these tunnels.

The patient response is often severe self-inflicted trauma.



Sarcoptes

Diagnostic Plan

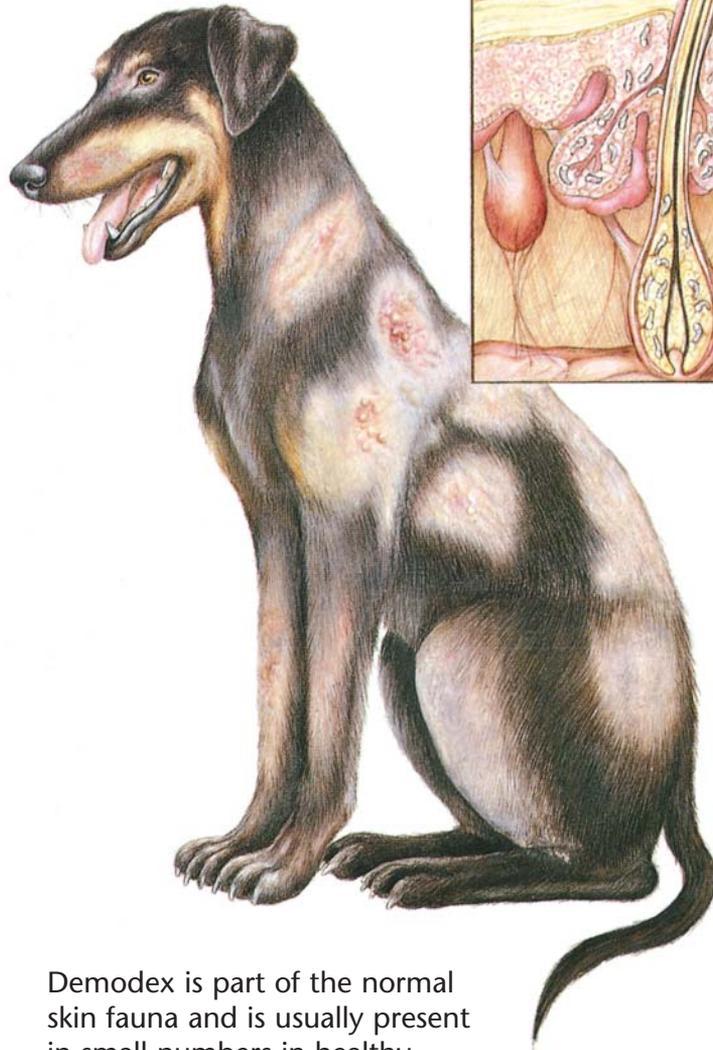
History
Physical examination
Skin scrapings
Skin biopsy
Therapeutic trial

Therapeutic Plan

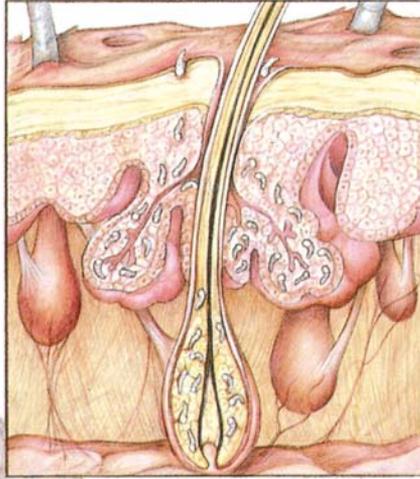
Coat clipping
Parasiticial dips
Antibacterials

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Demodex is part of the normal skin fauna and is usually present in small numbers in healthy animals.



The entire life cycle is spent on the host in the hair follicles or sebaceous glands.



Adult Demodex mite

Demodex

Diagnostic Plan

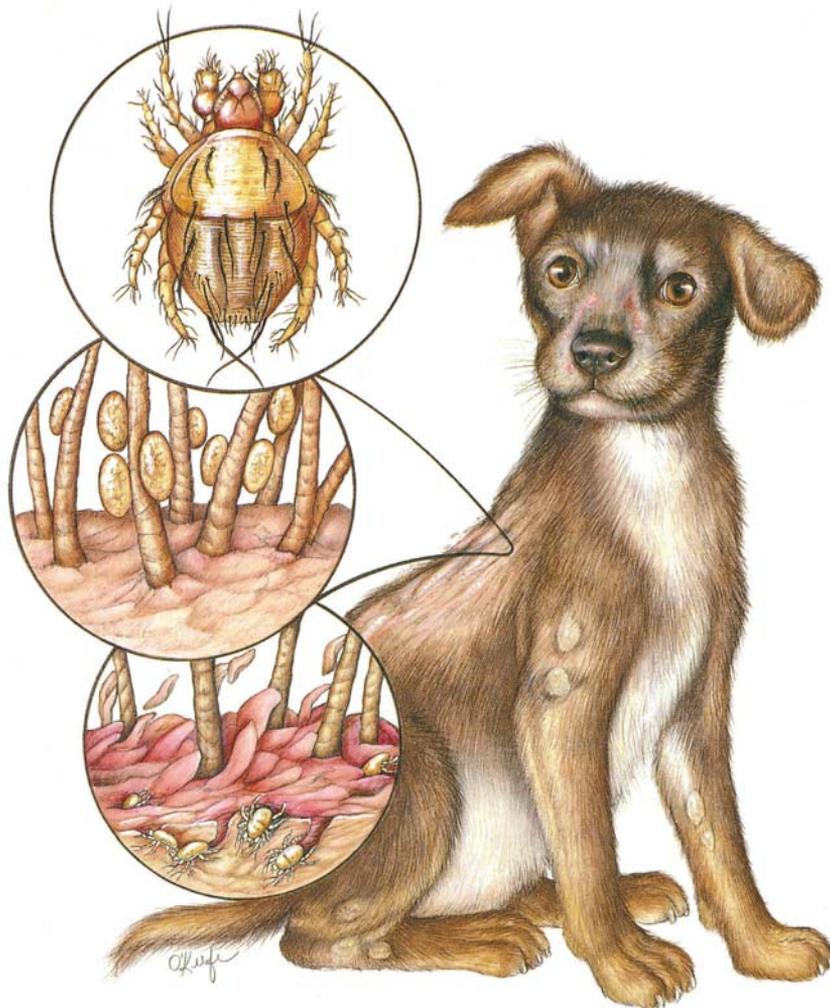
History
Physical examination
Skin scrapings
Skin biopsy
Skin culture

Therapeutic Plan

Topical keratolytic agents
Antibacterials
Topical drugs to kill the mite

Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for tissue repair
A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease
Medication to kill the mite



These mites live in keratin on the skin's surface and feed on tissue fluids.

The entire life cycle is thought to occur on the host.

Cheyletiella

Diagnostic Plan

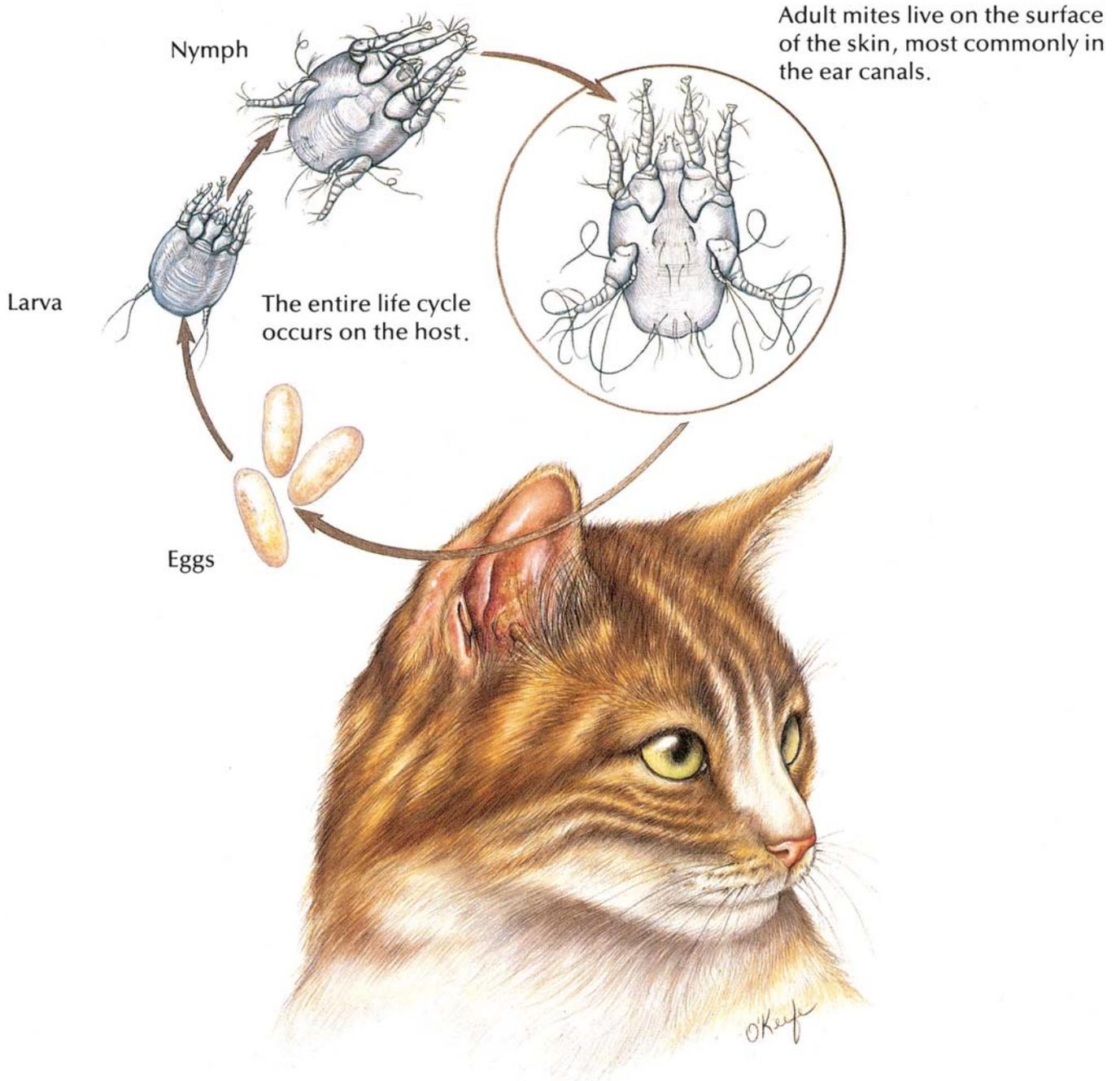
- History
- Physical examination
- Skin scrapings
- Skin biopsy
- Acetate tape impressions
- Direct visualization of the parasite

Therapeutic Plan

- Parasiticial dips

Dietary Plan

A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease



Ear Mites

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Ear examination
Microscopic examination
of ear canal exudate

Therapeutic Plan

Ear canal cleaning
Drugs to kill the mites
Surgical repair of
aural hematomas
Antibacterials, if needed

Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for tissue repair
A diet based on individual patient
evaluation including body
condition and other organ
system involvement or disease

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