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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025H03**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse spiked a high fever, and the veterinarian examined the horse, ran blood work and commenced treatment for colitis. The horse was shipped to the hospital for continued intensive treatment, but unfortunately succumbed to the sequela of colitis later that night.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the cause of death due to acute septicemia and toxemia with disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (DIC) that was caused by colitis.

Racing/Training History: The horse was unraced and one recorded work.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had received 2 intramuscular antibiotic injections within 10 days prior to the illness.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: The horse suffered antibiotic induced colitis and succumbed to the sequela of septicemia and DIC.