

# **National Uniform Medication Policy**



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# RMTC Background



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- RMTC Mission Statement
  - To develop, promote and coordinate, at the national level, policies, research and educational programs that seek to ensure:
    - ✦ fairness and integrity of racing
    - ✦ health and welfare of racehorses and participants
    - ✦ protection of the racing public's interests
- RMTC is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization

# RMTC Board



- AAEP
- AQHA
- Arabian Jockey Club
- ARCI
- Breeders' Cup Ltd.
- California Thoroughbred Trainers
- Churchill Downs Inc.
- Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
- The Hambletonian Society
- The Jockey Club
- Jockeys' Guild
- Keeneland Association
- KY Equine Drug Research Council
- Kentucky Thoroughbred Assn
- National HBPA
- NTRA
- NYRA
- Oak Tree Racing Assn
- The Stronach Group
- Thoroughbred Horsemen's Assn
- TOBA
- Thoroughbred Owners of California
- TRA

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- Four Part Program
  - Laboratory Accreditation
  - Therapeutic Medications
  - Third Party Lasix Administration
  - Multiple Medication Violation Program

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- Laboratory Accreditation
  - ISO 17025
  - RMTC Accreditation
    - ✦ Procedure Review
    - ✦ Site Inspection
    - ✦ External Quality Assurance Program

# Laboratory Accreditation



- **EQAP**

- Ensures laboratories are all performing at the same high level of proficiency
- Laboratories have the duty to report results to the Commission within 30 days



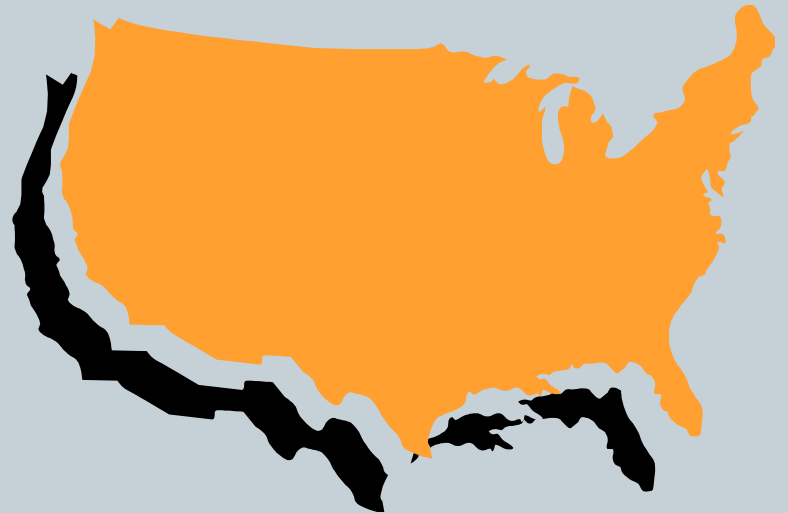
# Laboratory Accreditation

- What does RMTC Accreditation Add?
  - Research Component
  - Information Sharing



# Laboratory Accreditation

- Status:
  - 2 fully accredited
    - ✦ UC Davis Maddy Laboratory
    - ✦ HFL SS – Lexington
  - 1 interim accredited
    - ✦ Ohio Department of Ag.
  - 5 Others
    - ✦ Truesdail
    - ✦ New York
    - ✦ Industrial
    - ✦ Pennsylvania
    - ✦ Dalare



# Therapeutic Medications

- List of Therapeutic Medications
  - Currently list is 24
    - ✦ Thresholds approved by AAEP
    - ✦ Additions are expected
    - ✦ Study funding will limit
  - Others – no guidance provided on use; jurisdictions treat differently

# Therapeutic Medication List



- Criteria for inclusion:
  - FDA Approval for use in the horse (if possible)
  - High level of use among practitioners
  - High number of positives

# Therapeutic Medications

- List of Therapeutic Medications
  - Thresholds
    - ✦ Development
      - Historical
      - Research Papers
      - RMTC Research
      - Other Research
  - Guidance



# Therapeutic Medications - Review

## ○ RMTC

- ✦ SAC
- ✦ Board

## ○ RCI

- ✦ DTSP
- ✦ Model Rules
- ✦ Board

## ○ Miscellaneous

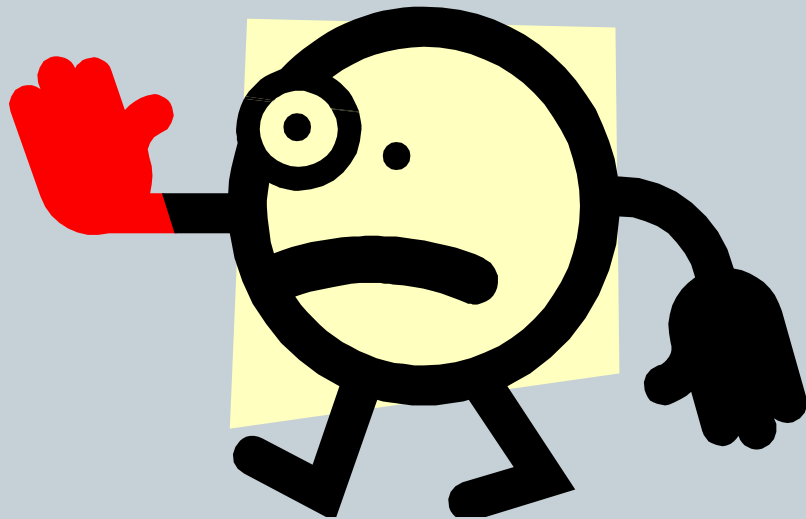
- ✦ RCI/THA Group
- ✦ AAEP
- ✦ Several *Ad Hoc* Groups

# Third Party Lasix Administration

- Concern regarding additional medications given on race-day
- Successfully administered in several jurisdictions
  - Kentucky
    - ✦ Lasix levels normalized
    - ✦ Less extraneous noise in testing



# Multiple Medication Violation Program



- Concerns:
  - Small percentage of trainers are tarnishing image of sport
  - Address those who have continual medication violations



# Multiple Medication Violation Program



- Overlay to existing penalty system
- Points-based system upon severity of medication violation (current ARCI classification)
- Violation occurs if in relevant time period:
  - $>1$  medication violation
  - $\geq 3$  points accrued
- Suspensions range from 30-360 days
- Points (except Class A) can be expunged

# Thank you

