The objective in treating musculoskeletal lesions is to get rid of pain, to restore the neuromuscular function and to regain mobility. The cause of pain must be identified to be able to eliminate the restriction.

Abnormal conformation of extremities, back anatomy, type of training, training grounds, and postural position, they all generate imbalance in neuromuscular function in the horse. This unbalance state comes from a direct stimulus or trauma, exhaustion, radiculopathy or indirect effect from visceral problems, joint pain elsewhere or emotions. Functional stagnation interferes with performance, and it is one of the most common reasons for veterinary intervention in sporting horses.

Clearance of stagnant Channels can be accomplished by Integrative Veterinary Medicine Modalities such as Tui-Na techniques or Spinal Manipulation. The Veterinary Balance Method Acupuncture offers this with immediate results. Not clearance of Channel by these means will better orientate the practitioner into seeking a more structural problem, which will require further assessment. This presentation describes the basis of the Veterinary Balance Method Acupuncture in diagnosing and treating back issues, hock, and stifle problems as examples of its use in horses.

Objectives:
1. To describe the bases of the Veterinary Balance Method Acupuncture
2. To present this method as a strategy to diagnose Musculo skeletal problems in horses
3. To focus on the back, hock, and stifle as examples