**CLINICIAN’S CHECKLIST – CLINICAL EXAMINATION OF PIGS**

-Careful observation should precede clinical examination

-Observe and preserve health status of the farm

-Owner’s complaint

-History – long term and short term

-Signalment – breed, age and sex of the pig or pigs

-Pigs’ environment – observation and inspection

-Observation of the pig or group of pigs

-Behaviour

-Clinical observation

-Clinical examination

-Temperature, pulse and respiration

-Inspection of mucous membranes

-Palpation of carcase lymph nodes – often not palpable

Source: <http://rossskb.homestead.com/Clinical_Examination_of_Farm_Animals.pdf>

-Skin

-Head and neck

-Heart and lungs

-Abdomen, including digital rectal examination if abdomen distended

-Udder

-Perineum

-External genitalia of the sow

-External genitalia of the boar

-Urinary system

-Limbs and feet

-Special features of clinical examination of piglets

Clinical pathology (if required)

Post-mortem examination (if required)