**CONSIDERATIONS**

1. **Anatomical Considerations**

– What structures do the nerves innervate at varying levels of the limb?

– Where do the nerves branch?

– Are certain joints separate or do they communicate with other joints?

– Are synovial structures in close proximity to nerves?

1. **Lameness Exam Considerations**

* Is the lameness ‘blockable’?
* Can you see it consistently
* Is the horse amendable to nerve blocks?
* No sedation allowed
* Distal-to-Proximal nerve block sequence
* Nerve blocks desensitize distal and deep to site of injection
* Did the nerve block work?
* Skin sensitivity

1. **Side effects**

– Cellulitis

– Hematoma

– Synovitis • Septic vs. Non-septic

– Local Anesthetic Toxicity • Outcome – Did the lameness improve or not?

– False negative? • Mechanical, Deep pain, Learned behavior