**Contraindications for Nerve Blocks**

* Horses showing severe, obvious signs of lameness
* Horses not consistently and sufficiently lame. Must have a grade of >2/5 AAEP
* Where there is the possibility of sepsis
* If horse is sedated with alpha-2 agonists (can provide inaccurate results)
* Not to be done by untrained persons
* Not to be done without detailed knowledge of Equine Anatomy