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| Palmar digital neurectomy | Splint bone removal |
| The horse is considered a surgery candidate if more than 90% of the lameness is resolved after a palmar digital nerve block or if it is not an acute ligament or deep digital nerve injury or hoof abnormality | Age of horse – younger horses more predisposed o splint bone fracture or damage during training.  |
| Utilization of a basisesamoid nerve block followed by clipping of the hair round the coronary band up until proximal to the fetlock, then a circumferential surgical scrub | Recurring inflammation of the interosseous ligament causing chronic swelling of the splint bone margins. |
| Age of the horse  | Size and location of the bony lump |
|  | Use of a carpal nerve block prior to surgery. |