

Teat fistula repair	
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>What is a teat fistula?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An abnormal passage in the teat, where milk can escape from, since it is connected to the teat cistern</li> </ul> <p>How does this happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When animal tries to jump over the barbed wire or pass through the thorny bushes, their teat can get teared due to laceration of skin and muscles</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Needle and syringe</li> <li>- Needle holders</li> <li>- Forceps</li> <li>- Suture material</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The site of the fistula is cleaned</li> <li>- A Larson's teat plug is inserted to drain the wound</li> <li>- Then sutured close</li> </ul> <p>Multiple techniques exist for suturing close such wounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- double layer simple continuous suturing with PGA 3/0</li> <li>- in between simple vertical mattress simple interrupted suturing of skin with nylon 1/0</li> </ul>
<b>Post operative care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean wound site</li> <li>- Antibiotics</li> </ul>
<b>Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wounds are closed as soon as possible since this can hinder the milking process            → ↓ milk production</li> </ul>