The veterinarian must consider the patient's history, signalment and physical examination findings, and then select diagnostic tests and sample types based on these, in order to build the index of suspicion 'brick by brick'. ADR = 'ain't doing right'. For explanation of other abbreviations, see box on page 906 of the Guidelines.

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