



Subject: Methylprednisolone  
Date: May 20, 2015  
To: All Horsemen  
From: PA Harness Racing Commission

The Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission, through its Executive Secretary wants the horsemen racing in Pennsylvania to be aware that the Pennsylvania Equine Research and Toxicology Laboratory (PETRL) have improved the confirmation method for methylprednisolone. Previously, PETRL were only able to confirm concentrations greater than 0.5 ng/mL in plasma. The new testing methods will enable PETRL to report findings of 0.1 ng/mL in plasma.

Warnings will be issued for a period of 30 days following the date of this email on those samples found to be within the .1 ng/ml to .5 ng/ml. Samples testing higher than the .5 ng/ml will remain to be considered a positive result.

Please share this information with those members of your organization and make available through any media you have may access to use for dissemination.



George Crawford, Executive Secretary