

*Helpful Tips for Successful LDA Repair*

**Do's**

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- Do have all cows vaccinated well ahead of the LDA repair for clostridial diseases.
- Do give beta-lactam antibiotics 1-2 hours before anticipated surgery.
- Do always have adequate assistance.
- Do perform the LDA procedure on a deeply bedded surface or on a soft earth surface.
- Do place weight on the abdominal wall BEFORE forcing the trocar/cannula through the abdomen. This will help to ensure that the abomasum is in its proper anatomical location and tight against the abdominal wall.

**Don'ts**

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- Don't perform this procedure where there is a likelihood of adhesions or preexisting peritonitis.
- Don't perform this repair method on animals with compromised respiratory capacity.
- Don't perform this repair method without adequate assistance...the safety of the practitioner and the cow is paramount.
- Don't tranquilize when it is not essential for the safety of the cow or the practitioner. Best results occur when the cow stands following repair and is ready to resume normal feeding.
- Don't pull too hard on the toggle string after it has turned perpendicular to the cannula. The edges of the needle are very sharp and could sever the toggle string.