

Equine Sarcoids

What are they?

Sarcoids are aggressive, recurrent skin tumors caused by the papilloma virus. They can develop anywhere on the body.

Types of Sarcoid:

1. Fibroblastic: fleshy masses which may bleed easily
2. Occult: Circular in shape, flat, gray in color and persistent.
3. Nodular: Multiple small nodules of variable size, may become ulcerative and bleed.
4. Verrucose: wart like, gray, often crusty. May contain small nodules.
5. Malevolent: rare and especially aggressive
6. Mixed: two or more types



Treatment Options:

Sarcoids tend to be difficult to treat, due to the likelihood of recurrence. Treatment varies based on location, size, and type of lesion. Treatment often causes the lesions to look worse before they get better- this is because the immune system must reject the sarcoid, resulting in inflammation.

After topical treatment, the sarcoid should slough, leaving behind a healthy bed of granulation tissue. The wound may need to be covered during this time to prevent infection.

- Surgical debridement or excision
- Topical medications
 - Xxterra herbal paste
 - Imiquimod cream
- Oral Turmeric supplements
 - Turmeric Powder
 - Smart & Simple Turmeric Pellets
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Cryotherapy
- Immune modulators

