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rect smear should be made and Gram stained to determine the predominant organism. If it is a Gram positive rod one should consider both aerobic and anaerobic culturing since *Clostridium perfringens* Type C is an anaerobe.

Anaerobic culturing is not complicated, but one does need the proper equipment. A Gas Pak (Bioquest), pressure cooker or a tupperware container can be used. A H₂-CO₂ generator envelope is placed in the container to which 10 ml. of water is added. The generator envelope produces H₂ which combines with O₂ to form water, the reaction is catalyzed by a palladium catalyst. This type of system is adequate to grow *Clostridium*.

E. coli must be present in high numbers in the anterior area of the small intestine. They do not have to be hemolytic on blood agar plates to be pathogenic. It

is important to run drug sensitivity tests on the *E. coli* isolates because of the many drug resistant strains now being encountered.

Salmonella is usually a problem in older pigs and will cause a septicemia, therefore Salmonella can be cultured out of other tissues such as liver and spleen.

A well run Bacteriology Lab will help Veterinarians serve this new era of Agribusiness and practice "Progressive Veterinary Medicine"

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BOOTS AND FORCEPS
by Willet J. Price, D.V.M.,
as told to Hazel Heckman
The Iowa State University Press
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