

Standard Operating Procedure: Monitoring Fresh Cows and Heifers

Check rectal temperatures daily for first 10 days postpartum on all cows and heifers.

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| Normal Rectal Temperature (Cows <103 F and heifers <102.5 F) | Fever Present (Cows <103 F and heifers <102.5 F) |
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| Looks sick | Looks healthy | Looks sick | Looks healthy |
| Treat with one drug from each group | Recheck temperature daily | Treat for 3 days with one drug from each group | Treat with one drug from each group |
| Day One | Day One to Ten | Day One | Day One |
| 1. Energy Provider 2. Glucose Promoter 3. Calcium Source 4. Check for displaced abomasum | Recheck temperature daily | 1. Uterine Contractors 2. Fever Reducers 3. Energy Providers 4. Calcium Source 5. Systemic Antibiotics | 1. Uterine Contractors 2. Fever Reducers 3. Energy Providers 4. Calcium Source Note: Use NO Antibiotics! |
| Day Two and Three | | Day Two and Three | Day Two and Three |
| 1. If normal temperature, repeat four above steps 2. If fever develops, begin fever treatment | | Repeat treatment and check temperature | Repeat treatment and check temperature |

Consult with your herd veterinarian to choose the protocol for your operation.

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| Uterine contractors: | ECP One day only or Oxytocin for three days. |
| Fever reducers: | Aspirin boluses or flunixin injectible. |
| Energy Providers: | IV 50% Dextrose, Oral propylene glycol, oral propylene glycol based gel cartridges. |
| Calcium source: | oral calcium gel cartridges, calcium gluconate 23% IV, or "Up and over 1000". Azium or Predef 2x. |
| Glucose Promoters: | Azium or Predef 2x. |
| Systemic antibiotics: | Penicillin, Polyflex, Naxcel or Excenel. |

