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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026C03**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse became febrile while stabled on the backside, and the veterinarian placed the horse on a course of antibiotics. The horse was shipped to the hospital and diagnosed with pleuropneumonia. The horse was humanely euthanized at the hospital.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed severe pleuropneumonia with a pulmonary abscess in the right lung, which communicated into the pleural space. The presumed etiology was bacterial, however no bacteria were isolated from the lung, which was most likely due to the previous antibiotic therapies.

Racing/Training History: The horse was unraced but had been in a consistent work pattern until becoming sick.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had been prescribed acepromazine tablets previously.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: This horse developed pleuropneumonia with a pulmonary abscess and was humanely euthanized at the hospital.