



## Dr. Catherine Lapointe

DMV, MSc, Dipl. ACVIM,  
Certificate of achievement  
in hemodialysis

Dr. Lapointe graduated from the Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire, Université de Montréal, in 2002. Her training includes an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Centre Vétérinaire DMV (2003), a master's degree in feline nephrology and urology (2007) and a residency in small animal internal medicine, both achieved at the Faculté de médecine vétérinaire. Dr. Lapointe is also a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine since 2009. In addition, she received a Certificate of Achievement in hemodialysis from the University of California, Davis. A clinician in the internal medicine service at the CHUV, Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire, from 2009 to 2016, we are fortunate to be able to count on Dr. Lapointe's knowledge and expertise since January 2017. In addition to being a passionate and experienced veterinarian, Dr. Lapointe is also active in infectious disease and nephrology research.

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## Internal Medicine Specialist

A specialty service now available to all.



### Why would my pet need to be examined by an internal medicine specialist?

An internal medicine specialist is a veterinarian who has completed advanced training in internal medicine, including at least one internship (1 year) and a residency (3 years) after having graduated from a veterinary college. An internal medicine residency is an intensive graduate clinical training program intended to improve advanced procedural skills (including endoscopy), establish productive clinical research and refine diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for internal medicine cases. This residency training culminates with a comprehensive examination covering all aspects of veterinary small animal internal medicine. When all requirements have been met, the veterinarian is considered to be a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM).

An internal medicine specialist has many fields of expertise, which include sub disciplines such as gastroenterology (esophageal, stomach and intestinal disease), hepatology (liver, biliary tract and pancreatic disease), infectious diseases, urology and nephrology (urinary tract and kidney disease),

respiratory system (nose, sinus, airway and lung disease), and hematology & immunology (blood cell and immune disease). In many cases, the signs of a patient may include many of these organ systems.

Due to their holistic approach, internal medicine specialists may also manage cases of patients with neurologic, cardiovascular or cancerous diseases. Once your regular veterinarian or general practitioner has identified (or has suspicion of) a disease requiring specialist care, he/she can contact Dr. Lapointe, internal medicine specialist, for an appointment at your veterinary clinic.

### What are the advantages of consulting an internal medicine specialist with our mobile services?

- Less stressful for your animal. Exams and procedures are all performed at your primary care veterinary clinic, close to your home.
- No intermediary between your veterinarian and the specialist.
- Rapid access.
- Rapid service and results.

### What happens during a consultation with our internal medicine mobile service?

- On the day of the consultation with Dr. Lapointe, you and your pet will meet Dr. Lapointe.
- She will complete her analysis of your animal's health status by asking you a few questions and examining your animal.
- Dr. Lapointe may then recommend additional exams be performed to aid in the diagnosis of your animal's condition or she may establish a treatment plan.
- You and your primary care veterinarian will receive a case report with all the details of your consultation, as well as any treatment and follow-up care recommendations
- Follow-up care may then be scheduled with your veterinarian, or with Dr. Lapointe if needed.