Fish Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment

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1. Environmental hypoxia.
2. Temperature stress.
3. Temperature stratification.
4. Ammonia poisoning.
5. Nitrite poisoning.
7. Too low (too acidic) pH.
8. Too high (too alkaline) pH.
9. Improper hardness.
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45. Bacterial dermatopathies/systemic bacterial infections: general features.
46. Motile aeromonad infection.
47. Aeromonas salmonicida infection.
48. Enteric septicemia of catfish.
49. Edwardsiella tarda infection.
50. Vibriosis.
51. Pasteurellosis.
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55. Mycobacteriosis.
56. Piscirickettsiosis.
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59. Digenean gill infection.
60. Nematode infection.
61. Cestode infection.
62. Acanthocephalan infection.
63. Myxozoan infection: general features.
64. Proliferative gill disease.
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66. Hoferellus carassii infection.
67. Proliferative kidney disease.
68. Whirling disease.
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71. Ichthyophonosis.
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75. Miscellaneous endoparasitic infections.
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12. PROBLEMS 77 through 88: Rule-out diagnoses 1 (viral infections): Presumptive diagnosis is based on the absence of other etiologies combined with a diagnostically appropriate history, clinical signs, and/or pathology. Definitive diagnosis is based on presumptive diagnosis combined with confirmation of viral presence (e.g., antibody probe, gene probe).
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81. Viral hemorrhagic septicemia.
82. Infectious salmon anemia.
83. Spring viremia of carp.
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85. Nodaviral diseases.
86. Koi herpesvirus disease.
87. Alphavirus diseases.
88. Miscellaneous systemic viral diseases and infections.

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89. Nutritional deficiency.
90. Hypercarbia.
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93. Metal poisoning.
94. Cyanide poisoning.
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98. Traumatic lesions.

14. PROBLEMS 100 through 102: Rule-out diagnoses 3: Presumptive diagnosis is based on the absence of other etiologies combined with a diagnostically appropriate history, clinical signs, and/or pathology. Definitive diagnosis is not possible since the etiology is unknown (idiopathic).
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Neomycin Sulfate.
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Sulfadimethoxine-Ormetoprim.
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Antiseptics.
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Calcium.
Carbon Dioxide.
Chloramine Neutralizer.
Chloramine-T.
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Chloride.
Chlorine.
Chlorine Neutralizer.
Chloroquine Diphosphate.
Chorionic Gonadotropin.
Clove Oil.
Copper.
Chelated Copper.
Copper Sulfate.
Deionized Water.
Diflubenzuron.
Dimetridazole.
Diquat.
Disinfection.
Electroshock.
Enamectin Benzoate.
Eugenol.
Euthanasia.
Fenbendazole.
Flubendazole.
Formalin.
Formalin/Malachite Green.
Freshwater.
Fumagillin.
Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone.
Hydrogen Peroxide.
Hyposalinity.
Hypothermia.
Immunostimulants.
Ivermectin.
Ketamine.
Ketoprofen.
Levamisole Hydrochloride.
Lidocaine.
Magnesium Sulfate.
Malachite Green.
Mebendazole.
Methylene Blue.
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Nitrifying Bacteria.
Organophosphate.
Ozone.
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Potassium Permanganate.
Povidone Iodine.
Praziquantel.
Pyrethroid.
Quaternary Ammonium Compounds.
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