The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) has several professionals employed who are available for consultation on a variety of subjects. To get the most from a consultation, it is helpful to having the following information ready to provide to TVMDL:

**General information to have available for all consultations:**
- Previous or current TVMDL accession numbers
- Pertinent testing done in-house or at another lab
- Signalment (if not given already)
- Vaccination history
- Working differential diagnosis
- Succinct question for the veterinary diagnosticians

**For production animal/population this additional information would be helpful:**
- Production type
  - Cow-calf
  - Seedstock
  - Dairy
  - Calf ranch
  - Stockers
  - Starters
  - Finishers
- History of current condition in the population (previous illness or deaths)
- Clinical signs in the other animals
- Morbidity percentage/mortality percentage in the population