# PRINCIPLES OF TEAT SX

* Principles include:
* Clean
* Debride
* Lavage
* Repair
* The use of proper suture size and pattern
* Mastitis is likely to occur
* Streak canal & teat orifice tend to constrict during Sx
* The mucosa of the teat sinus is very susceptible to scar
* Vertical teat lesions heal better than horizontal
* Avoid indwelling cannulas