Control

◊ Give effective coccidiocides/stat to all preweaned kids and lambs during outbreaks of the disease

◊ Clean the pens (*bomas*) frequently to avoid reinfections

◊ Inform other sheep and goat owners about the importance of controlling the disease

◊ Effective cooperate control practices will reduce the disease in the environment

Healthy kids and lambs ensures sustainable herds and good priced sheep and goats !!
COCCIDIOSIS IN KIDS AND LAMBS

**What is coccidiosis in kids and lambs?**
An infection of the gastrointestinal tract by the *Coccidia* family of *Eimeria* spp.

**Which are the clinical signs of the disease?**
- Diarrhoea
- Bloody faeces
- Dull appearance
- Loss of weight and appetite

**How do you diagnose the disease?**
- Use of the clinical signs manifested by the sick kids and lambs
- Lack of response to treatment of diarrhoea using the anthelmintics
- Knowledge of the presence of disease in your area
- Demonstrate the presence of oocysts in the faeces

**Laboratory examination**
- Collect faecal sample from kids and lambs
- Prepare specimen for examination
- Oocysts of *Eimeria* spp demonstrated

**Epidemiological and economic importance**

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**Treatment**
- Use effective coccidiocides/stat
- Enteric Sulphonamides
- Decoquinate
- Amprolium
- Treat all sick kids and lambs
- Ensure good feeding practices