Medical Approach to Colic

Seven pronged approach to Colic in Horses:

1. Withhold food and water;
2. Administer analgesics;
3. Administer antispasmodics;
4. Administer fluid therapy--either intravenous or orally (via nasogastric intubation);
5. Administer laxatives via nasogastric tube;
6. Alter intestinal mobility pharmacologically; and
7. Use controlled exercise.