

Job Aid: Ultrasound guided Thoracentesis/Paracentesis		
Division: SLH,SNGH	Manual:	Locations: Radiology Ultrasound
Original Date: 8/1/12	Section:	
Owner: Imaging Operations		
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Organs to be documented: Chest or Peritoneal Cavity

For Thoracentesis-Mark area in erect position when possible

For Paracentesis-Scan 4 quadrants and mark largest pocket

1. Document and mark area of interest in 2 scan planes, document distance to fluid.
2. Obtain appropriate supplies including, but not limited to, biopsy guides, biopsy trays, and probe covers.
3. Call pathology tech or physician, if indicated by radiologist
4. Label specimens accordingly, including pt. name, pt. identification number, DOB, date, time, fluid type, ordering physician, and your initials.
5. Follow sterile techniques at all times.
6. Include pre and post procedural time out

Related Documents:

<i>Policy</i>	N/A
<i>Procedure</i>	N/A