

Paracentesis/Thoracentesis Protocol:

- Ultrasound Tech Responsibilities:
 - Pre-scan area of interest and document pictures (all four quadrants for Para and bilateral lung fields for Thora)
 - Make sure procedure is going to be done with radiologist; then, get tray set up (most of the time, the RA or RN will do this part).
 - Have patient sign Consent Form and have Discharge Instructions ready to give them after procedure.
- Supplies:
 - Sterile Tray
 - Lidocaine/Bicarb (if not included in tray during shortage)
 - Sterile Probe Cover
 - Sterile Gloves for radiologist
 - Chloraprep (Dr. Kyle and Dr. Carr ONLY)
 - Sterile Towels
 - Straw and/or Sharpie for marking
 - Alcohol Prep Wipes for clean up
 - Pressure Dressing
 - Canisters/Tubing
 - Centesis catheter
 - Face mask (Dr. Carr, Dr. Johnston, Dr. Verville, Dr. Kyle)
- Paperwork for Pathologist:
** not always required – please see doctor's order**
 - Insurance information
 - Exam order
 - Patient office notes, previous report
 - Path Group – Parkridge histology form