

Gastroenterology Pleural Fluid Routine Analysis, Cirrhosis-Panel

Pre-Procedure

Order serum platelet, INR and PTT if not done in the last 5 days. Order type and screen if not previously done and patient is requiring plasma or platelets

- US Thoracentesis Left
Note if requesting diagnostic or therapeutic
- US Thoracentesis Right
Note if requesting diagnostic or therapeutic

Pleural Fluid

Cell Count, Body Fluid -- Lung, Right

Once, First occurrence today at 1253
Pleural Fluid, Lung, Right

- Total Protein
- Albumin
- Lactate Dehydrogenase (LD), Body Fluid
- pH, Body Fluid
- Glucose, Random
- Triglycerides
- Amylase
- Lipase
- Bilirubin, Total
- Gynecological Cytology
- Non-Gynecological Cytology

Microbiology Panel

Fluid Culture, Routine -- Lung, Right

Once, First occurrence today at 1254

- Fungal Culture
- Mycobacteria Culture

Post-Procedure

- Nursing Communication - Consider ordering Plasma Protein Albumin 25% panel if expected to drain >3L pleural fluid

Notify Most Responsible Health Practitioner (MRHP)

Until discontinued, starting today at 1255, Until Specified
Other: If indwelling drain placed notify MRHP when returns to unit

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Other: If pleural fluid bloody, cloudy or milky

Drain Care

Until discontinued, starting today at 1255, Until Specified
Drain care instructions: If drain left in, drain a maximum of 1.5L every 6 hours

- Nursing Communication - Record total fluid drained and albumin given
- GR Chest 2 Projections
If clinically required. Must indicate rationale (e.g. acute shortness of breath, challenging thoracentesis) and preferred timing (eg. post drain removal)

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