

PARACENTESIS/THORACENTESIS



APPOINTMENT:

___/___/___ @ ___:___ am/pm

Re-schedule/cancellations:

308.995.3305

Please arrive at the hospital 15 minutes prior to your appointment to check in.

What is Paracentesis/Thoracentesis

An ultrasound uses sound waves to develop images of soft tissues & organs inside the human body. An aspiration is a procedure to remove the extra fluid from a part of your body. If the fluid is in your belly, the procedure is called paracentesis. If it is in your chest cavity, it is called thoracentesis.

___Paracentesis

___Thoracentesis

Patient Preparation

1. Bring a relative or friend to support & drive you home
2. Your doctor or surgeon may ask you NOT to take aspirin and/or blood thinners before your procedure.

Procedure

Consent form(s) will be discussed & signed before your procedure. This procedure is generally performed under local anesthesia (using numbing medicine such as lidocaine). You will be awake. A radiologist or surgeon is generally the doctor performing the test.

There is a small risk for infection & you should call your doctor if you develop a fever or the area becomes inflamed. You will be given more detailed discharge instructions once your procedure is complete.

For Thoracentesis only: You will be asked to stay for a minimum of 2 hours & will also have a chest X-ray after the procedure.

Contact our Imaging Department
with any questions:

308.995.2890

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