

Thoracentesis

- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Byra (BY), Carter (CA), Cohen (DC), Combs (JC), Edwards (JE), Howard (JH), Jurassic (JU), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Roth (NR), Sherard (DS), Wood (CW)
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** no
- **Need H&P:** no
- **Need to hold blood thinners:** no
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** no
- **Need a driver:** yes
- **Need bed in Short Stay / PACU:**
 - Riverside - no
 - Southside, Clay & St Johns - yes
- **Arrival time:**
 - Riverside - no
 - Southside, Clay & St Johns - 2 hours prior to appointment
- **Need an IV:** no
- **Need blood work:** no
- **Receive moderate sedation:** no (just local anesthetic)
- **Stay after procedure:** approximately 30 mins after procedure for chest xray
- Order needs to specify specific side (right, left or larger).
- Order needs to specify diagnostic thoracentesis, therapeutic thoracentesis or both.
- If for diagnostic thoracentesis, the order needs to specify what fluid labs are needed.
- **Routine pleural fluid labs:**
 - Riverside, Southside, St Johns - **cell count w/diff** body fluid, **LDH** body fluid, **glucose** body fluid, **protein** body fluid, body fluid **culture**, **cytology** body fluid
 - Clay - **cell count w/diff** body fluid, **pH** body fluid, **albumin** body fluid, **LDH** body fluid, **glucose** body fluid, **protein** body fluid, **amylase** body fluid, **cholesterol** body fluid, body fluid **culture**, **fungal** culture, **AFB** culture, **cytology** body fluid

Southside Scheduling Notes

- Thoracentesis can be double booked with another IR procedure in given time slot.

Clay Scheduling Notes

- Current outpatient paracentesis/thoracentesis slots: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.