

CHEST TUBE PLACEMENT

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- **Cerner Order:** CT Guided Drainage

For Providers

- **Need to hold blood thinners:** no
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** yes if Radiologist uses moderate sedation (8 hrs for food and non clear liquids, 2 hrs for clear liquids)
- **Need blood work:** not routinely checked (except for BMP in patients with renal disease only if receiving moderate sedation)
 - *(if checked - platelets $\geq 20k$ and INR ≤ 3.0)*
- **Receive moderate sedation:** local anesthesia +/- moderate sedation (depending on Radiologist)
- **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

For Schedulers

- **Inpatient procedure** only.
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Byra (BY), Carter (CA), Cohen (DC), Combs (JC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Howard (JH), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Roth (NR), Sherard (DS), Taylor (IT), Wood (CW)