

TUNNELED DRAIN PLACEMENT

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- **Includes:** abdominal, peritoneal, chest, pleural tunneled drain (Aspira/Denver/Pleurx) placement
- **Cerner Order:** IR Catheter Placement or Exchange

For Providers

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

For Schedulers

- Requirements in **For Provider** section also apply.
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** no
- **Need H&P:** yes updated within 30 days of procedure date (must include heart & lungs exam)
- **Need a driver:** yes
- **Need bed in Short Stay / PACU:** yes
- **Need an IV:** yes
- **Arrival time:** 2 hrs prior to appointment
- **Stay after procedure:** 1 hr after procedure
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Carter (CA), Cohen (DC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Sherard (DS)
- Order for chest/pleural drain placement needs to specify side (right/left).
- Order for abdominal/peritoneal drain placement does not need to specify side.
- If fluid is to be sent for analysis, the order needs to specify what fluid labs are needed.