

Pre-Paracentesis Orders / Adult Order Set

I. Consent:

- Obtain patient consent for paracentesis (see guidelines for reasons to do procedure)
- Diagnostic Therapeutic

II. Supplies to the bedside:

- Following supplies to bedside:
- Paracentesis tray #750-0359
- Sterile Gloves Size _____
- One Package of 4x4's
- Betadine
- Six 1 liter vacutainer bottles
- One set blood culture bottles – (aerobic and anaerobic)
- One lavender top tube
- 4.0 Prolene suture with needle
- One hemostat
- Four sterile drapes

III. Labs prior to procedure (if not done in past 24 hours):

- INR
- Platelets

IV. Nursing:

- Prior to procedure have patient empty bladder (if no foley catheter)

Physician Signature

Date

Post-Paracentesis Orders / Adult Order Set

I. Nursing:

- Patient is to remain in **right** / **left** lateral decubitus position for four hours after procedure.
- Notify physician if patient develops leakage from procedure site or increased abdominal pain.

II. Labs:

A. Paracentesis fluid sent for:

- Cell count with differential (collect in lavender tube)
- Gram stain
- Albumin
- Aerobic and Anaerobic cultures (in appropriate bottles)
- Cytology
- LDH (recommend if serum LDH ordered)
- Glucose
- AFB smear*
- Mycobacterial culture*
- Bilirubin* (if fluid is brown or suspect gallbladder perforation)
- Triglycerides* (if fluid is milky)
- Protein*

***items are optional tests**

B. Serum sent for:

- Albumin
- Amylase
- LDH
- Glucose
- Bilirubin

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Date