

Date:                      Time:

**Procedure Note: Paracentesis**

Indications: assess for intraperitoneal infection and/or remove excess peritoneal fluid

Operator:

Others present:

Indications, risks, and benefits explained to patient / surrogate decision maker and informed consent obtained. Patient positioned, prepped and draped in usual sterile fashion. Ultrasound guidance was (not) used and appropriate fluid pocket was identified. 1% Lidocaine without epinephrine was (not) used to anesthetize the following area: \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ needle was introduced into the peritoneal space and fluid was removed. Blood loss was minimal. A dry guaze dressing was placed over the site. Patient tolerated the procedure well, and no complications were observed.

Opening pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ *cm H2O (hips & legs flexed / extended) , not measured*

Total fluid removed:

Color of fluid:

Albumin given:

Sent for: *cell count + diff, gram stain, cultures, albumin, LDH, glucose, protein, cytology*

Signature / Name:

Provider / Pager:

A time-out was performed, with all individuals present agreeing on the procedure to be performed, the site of procedure, and the patient identity