

Date: Time:

Procedure Note: Thoracentesis

Indications: assess for intrapleural pathology and/or remove excess pleural 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 pleural space and fluid was removed. Blood loss was minimal. Patient tolerated the procedure well, and no complications were observed. A dry gauze dressing was applied. Chest x-ray to rule out pneumothorax was ordered.

Total fluid removed:

Color of fluid:

Sent for: *cell count + diff, gram stain, cultures, LDH, glucose, pH, 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