

PARACENTESIS ULTRASOUND

Exam Code: USPARACEN

Exam Description: This is a study that removes fluid from the abdominal cavity.

Information Needed:

- What is the clinical indication for exam?
- Is the study diagnostic, therapeutic or both?
- Have doctor's office send a lab slip to diagnostic.
- Must have PTT/INR drawn the day prior to the procedure if the patient is on blood thinners and/or has Hep C/Cirrhosis.

Scheduling Times:

- 1300 and 1500

Patient Preparation:

- NPO for 4 hours prior to exam if possible.

Patient Requirements:

- With your physician's approval we ask that you please refrain from taking any blood thinners [Coumadin, aspirin, ibuprofen] 3-4 days before procedure.

Special Notes:

- None