

# Pleural Procedure

## PRE-PROCEDURE INFORMATION

Your procedure is scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Your procedure is a  Thoracentesis  Medical Pleuroscopy  Tunneled Pleural Catheter

You will check in at main admitting, located in the St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center lobby.

## IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Do not eat or drink after 11 p.m. the night before your procedure. You can take regular medications with a sip of water.

Please have someone with you to stay and drive you home after your procedure. If you do not have someone with you, your procedure may be canceled.

If you are taking any of the following medications please stop taking them for the recommended amount of day(s)/time before your procedure.

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| • Warfarin (Coumadin)                           | Stop taking 5 days before procedure.   |
| • Enoxaparin (Lovenox) and Dalteparin (Fragmin) | Stop taking 24 hours before procedure. |
| • Clopidogrel (Plavix)                          | Stop taking 5 days before procedure.   |
| • Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)                         | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Apixaban (Eliquis)                            | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Fondaparinux (Arixtra)                        | Stop taking 48 hours before procedure. |
| • Dabigatran (Pradaxa)                          | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Desirudin (Iprivask)                          | Stop taking 2 hours before procedure.  |
| • Aspirin or NSAID (*Discussion with MD*)       | Stop taking 7 days before procedure.   |
| • Aspirin and Dipyridamole (Aggrenox)           | Stop taking 7 days before procedure.   |
| • Cilostazol (Pletal)                           | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Ticlopidine (Ticlid)                          | Stop taking 5 days before procedure.   |
| • Prasugrel (Effient)                           | Stop taking 7 days before procedure.   |
| • Ticagrelor (Brilinta)                         | Stop taking 10 days before procedure.  |

## OTHER INFORMATION

It is important to arrive **at least 2 hours** before your procedure. You will need to make any required co-payments on the day of the procedure. Plan to be here for about 3-4 hours.

You will be under conscious sedation or general anesthesia during your procedure.

**If you have any questions about your procedure, please call 602.406.4000.**