

**EXAM: CT PLEURX CATHETER
INSERTION**

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Scheduling 330-596-7187



INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for this procedure contact your ordering physician. The PleurX Catheter is for intermittent, long-term drainage of symptomatic, recurrent pleural effusions, including malignant pleural effusion and other recurrent effusions that do not respond to medical management of the underlying disease.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Table weight limit is 650lbs. Please let your physician and Imaging Staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine, local anesthetics (such as lidocaine or betadine) or any problems receiving sedation in the past
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The length of this procure will vary depending on the patient. Please allow 1 hour prior to the exam for pre-testing and paperwork. You will be pre-registered and you will need to have blood work prior to the CT exam. You should check in at the registration department. Registration is the first office on the right past the main lobby where the waterfall is. After registration is completed you will be directed to the Imaging Comfort Area, the desk will call the Imaging nurse to draw your labs.
PREPARATION:	Patient should wear something comfortable with no metal zippers, buttons or clips. If the patient has had x-rays of the concerned area at another facility please have them bring those with them to the exam. Patient will need to bring a driver and have nothing to eat after midnight the night prior to the exam because sedation is given during this procedure. Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory meds 24-48 hours prior to procedure (example Advil, motrin, ibuprofen, aleve, naproxyn....etc) Aspirin, Coumadin, plavix or any other blood thinner should be stopped prior to exam.. Please be sure to discuss the discontinuation of the prescribed medications with your physician. DO NOT discontinue your medication without consulting your physician first. Your physician will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to stop your medications.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Since you will be in the hospital for an extended period of time be sure to bring your day medications with you to take after the procedure. Bring a list of your current medications. Patient should avoid taking aspirin, plavix or blood thinners prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss the discontinuation of the prescribed medications with your physician. Do not discontinue medications without consulting your physician first. Your physician will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to discontinue medications.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	Patient will need to be in Imaging department for several hours. During the exam an area will be prepared in a surgical manner by being cleaned and numbed. During the exam the radiologist will be placing a needle followed by a catheter into the area of interest. Fluid will be drained at this time and the catheter will be sutured in place. The patient will be asked to stay for observation 2-4hrs after the procedure. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.