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Pre-procedure Diagnoses:

1. Pleural effusion, left [J90]

Post-procedure Diagnoses:

1. Pleural effusion, left [J90]

Procedures:

1. THORACENTESIS [PRO306 (Custom)]

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**Thoracentesis Procedure Note**

Date of procedure: 6/15/2016

I was asked to perform a thoracentesis. Informed consent was obtained prior to the start of the procedure. A time out for patient safety was performed. Ultrasound (US) was then performed to identify the pleural effusion and to distinguish it from the surrounding structures, including the lung, effusion, diaphragm and subdiaphragmatic structures. A mark was placed in the most appropriate position for safely guiding the catheter into the fluid based on the ultrasound images.

Thereafter, the area was prepped in sterile fashion. 1% lidocaine was used to anesthetize the skin and pleura. A small incision was made and subsequently a 6 French catheter was placed into the pleural space using the Safe-T-Centesis kit from Carefusion. The effusion was drained as much as possible. A band aide was placed over the thoracentesis site at the conclusion of the procedure.

The amount of fluid removed was 2000 ml

The color of the fluid was serosanguinous

Specimens were sent for analysis including cell count/differential, chemistry (protein, LDH), culture and cytology.

Additional participants in the procedure included: [REDACTED] APRN

Thank you for allowing interventional pulmonology to participate in this patient's care. Please feel free to call the IP pager [REDACTED] with any questions or concerns.

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