

Patient's Name: _____

DOB: _____

DRAINAGE PROCEDURE

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Patients:
These are the instructions for your
scheduled procedure in our
Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Scheduling

Your examination has been scheduled for:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

NOTE: Please bring a family member with you. In the event sedatives are given, or you do not tolerate the procedure well, it is important you have a driver to take you home once the procedure is completed. It is also important a family member be present for an explanation of the procedure and to receive instructions about your care after the procedure.

Purpose

This procedure is performed in order to drain fluid out of a specific area.

Preparation

The night before the procedure, do not eat or drink after midnight. You may take your usual medications with small sips of water the morning of the procedure. IF YOU ARE TAKING **BLOOD THINNERS**, such as Plavix, Coumadin, Heparin, ASA), **Please call your physician to discuss holding this medication prior to your procedure.** This procedure requires you to have several lab tests the morning before your procedure. Diagnostic Imaging staff will talk with the patient and family to prepare them for the procedure and the recovery period. The Diagnostic Imaging staff will obtain a consent form giving the radiologist or attending physician permission to perform the procedure. A mild sedative may be given before the procedure.

Procedure

The area to be drained will be numbed and prepped. A small tube (catheter) will be inserted into the drain area. The tube will be sutured into place and a bandage placed over it. A bag will be connected to the tubing for drainage. This procedure may take approximately 1 to 2 hours. After the procedure you will be admitted to the hospital unless otherwise determined by the radiologist and your physician.

Results

The radiologist will review your exam and a report will be sent to your physician. Your physician will then discuss your results with you.

If you have questions concerning your upcoming procedure, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.