



Post Paracentesis (or) Thoracentesis

Home Care Instructions

- 1. Take it easy the remainder of today.**
- 2. Leave the band-aid on for 24 hours.**
- 3. Do not lift anything greater than 5 pounds for 24 hours.**
- 4. It is Normal to experience slight bleeding or drainage after the procedure.**
Also expect some slight soreness at the site where the catheter was inserted.

Watch for:

Swelling
Excessive Redness
Continued/ Excessive Drainage
Bright Red Continuous Bleeding
Increased Prolonged Pain
Shortness of breath
Chest Pain
Fever of 100.4° or greater

- If you are experiencing any of the above symptoms call us at (941) 486-3491**

If it is after hours ask for the "On-Call" Radiologist.

If you need immediate assistance please go to the nearest Emergency Room or call 911 !!