

## **Pleural Procedures**

### Pre-Procedure Information

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

Your Procedure is a \_\_\_\_\_

You will check in at the **Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab** located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the main UNM hospital.

### **Important Instructions:**

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), Dalteparin (Fragmin) | Stop taking 24 hours before procedure. |
| • Fondaparinux (Arixtra)                     | Stop taking 48 hours before procedure. |
| • Dabigatran (Pradaxa)                       | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)                      | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Apixaban (Eliquis)                         | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Desirudin (Iprivask)                       | Stop taking 2 hours before procedure.  |
| • Aspirin or NSAID                           | Stop taking 7 days before procedure.   |
| • Aspirin and Dipyridamole (Aggrenox)        | Stop taking 7 days before procedure.   |
| • Cilostazol (Pletal)                        | Stop taking 2 days before procedure.   |
| • Clopidogrel (Plavix)                       | Stop taking 5 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.  |

### **Medical Thoracoscopy (Pleuroscopy):**

If you are here for pleuroscopy, please have someone with you to stay and drive you home after your procedure. You will be under procedural sedation, which means that you will not be asleep. If you do not have someone with you, your procedure may be cancelled.

Please do not eat or drink after 11 p.m. the night before your procedure. Plan to be here for about 2-3 hours for your procedure.

### **Thoracentesis & Tunneled Pleural Catheter:**

You will receive local anesthesia for your procedure. This means that the doctor will numb the area that they are working on with Lidocaine. You will be completely awake for this procedure. Plan to be here for 1-2 hours for your procedure.

### **Other Information:**

It is important to arrive at least 15 minutes before your procedure. You will need to make any required co-payments on the day of the procedure.

**If you have any questions about your procedure, please call our office at 272-0274**