

Paracentesis Discharge Instructions

Amount of fluid removed:

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- You may remove gauze dressing in 24 hours and leave open to air. If draining, replace dressing daily. If continues to drain after 2 days, call physician.
- If the procedure site becomes red, has drainage, or you develop a fever, contact your doctor.

Notify your doctor to report any of the following:

- Fever higher than 100° F and/or chills
- Increased/severe abdominal pain
- Redness, swelling, warmth, or bleeding or other drainage from the procedure site
- Blood in your urine
- Bleeding from the paracentesis catheter site

If you have concerns regarding your procedure site, please call the Winchester Radiologists Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.

When calling after 5:00 pm & on weekends, please call 540-536-8000 to page the Interventional Radiologist on call.

Go to closest Emergency Room to seek emergency medical care.