

Dear All,

I just spoke with Dr. Yuan (hepatology attending on service) regarding performing portable paras on the COVID units. In order to minimize the number of individuals making trips to these units Dr. Yuan has agreed to the following for the hepatology service's patients who require large volume paracentesis:

- US tech will image the abdomen and determine if there is adequate fluid for drainage. If there is adequate fluid then the tech will mark the best site for needle insertion
- Because we want to minimize waste, the tech will estimate how many bottles are needed based on imaging and bring the bottles and para kit to the patient's room
- The hepatology resident/fellow will be responsible for performing the procedure.

Of course, if the volume is small and the paracentesis is diagnostic and not therapeutic, a radiologist will be available during our usual daytime hours.

Dr. Yuan will make sure that the M.D. ordering the procedure put their contact info on the order so the US tech can let them know the marking will be done. Also, the US tech can let them know the measurement of the sub q. tissues, or let the RN know after marking. Whatever works best.

Thank you for your help and consideration  
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