

# Paracentesis - Clinical Assessment Tool

### Checklist

Clinical step	Completed correctly AND independently	Required prompting OR assistance
Appropriately considered indications and contraindications		
Optimized patient positioning prior to the procedure		
Identified an appropriate fluid pocket and insertion point using a low-frequency transducer		
Avoided possible vessels using gross anatomy landmarks and high-freq ultrasound with Doppler		
Sufficiently anesthetized dermis and peritoneum		
Advanced needle and catheter with negative pressure along appropriate track		
Maintained depth of needle within peritoneum while advancing catheter		
Maintained sterile technique and addressed contamination appropriately		
Systematically and safely addressed interrupted flow, if occurred		
Ordered appropriate dose and concentration of albumin, if indicated		
Appropriately considered indications and contraindications		

### **Global Skills Assessment**

Which of the following best describes the provider's skill level?					
1	2	3	4	5	
Movements guided	Knowledgeable	Self-directed	Smooth and well-	Efficient, well-	
by verbal instruction	about appropriate	movements with	coordinated	planned, and fluid	
or through trial and	steps but still	increased efficiency	movements. Readily	movements. Facile	
error. Unable to	familiarizing with	and planning.	identifies	with all equipment	
anticipate	equipment and	Success with	unexpected or high-	and seamlessly	
subsequent steps or	inefficient or	uncomplicated	risk conditions.	adjusts for new	
adjust for new	awkward	procedures. But	Familiar with	conditions with	
conditions.	movements and	slow to recognize	troubleshooting	effectively	
	positioning.	high-risk conditions,	options and	implemented	
		fails to request	appropriately seeks	troubleshooting	
		assistance when	assistance when	techniques.	
		needed or and not	needed for higher		
		familiar with best	level		
		troubleshooting	considerations.		
		methods.			

### **Entrustment**

# Entrustment to perform this procedure WITHOUT direct supervision

 $\square$  Based on this observation, I entrust this provider to perform this procedure safely and effectively without direct supervision. They will appropriately identify situations beyond their skill and recruit the necessary supervision before proceeding