

PROCEDURES

Biopsies or Port-a-Cath insertions:

If you are taking blood thinners such as Coumadin, Plavix or Aspirin, you must stop taking this medication 5 days prior to your procedure date.

You can not have anything to eat or drink after midnight the night prior to your procedure.

Someone must accompany you to the facility the day of your procedure, as you will not be able to drive yourself home.

If your insurance requires that you bring a referral, you are instructed to call your primary care physician in a timely manner.

Failure to follow any of these instructions may result in canceling or rescheduling your procedure.

Pic Lines, Port-a Cath removal. Paracentesis or Thoracentesis:

If you are on any blood thinners such as Coumadin, Plavix or Aspirin, stop 5 days prior, if possible. Hospitals vary on regulations regarding Paracentesis and Thoracentesis.

If your insurance requires that you bring a referral, you must call your primary care physician.

You may be required to fast prior to these procedures. Facilities vary on this rule so check with our office, or the facility.