

**KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
PLEURAL SPACE PROCEDURE SUITE
Criteria for Referral**

The Pleural Space Clinic is a procedural clinic in which respirologists perform diagnostic and therapeutic thoracenteses and place intrapleural catheters (PleurX™) for management of pleural effusions. The clinic only serves ambulatory patients. Patients may be referred directly from Respiriology or Oncology. Other patients may require a Respiriology consultation before being seen in the clinic.

The clinic is offered every Tuesday.

Please provide the following information to expedite booking your patient

Physician requesting the test and Fax number for contact:

1. Condition (s) thought to be responsible for the effusion.
2. Indications for thoracentesis :

Diagnostic
Therapeutic
3. Side of effusion to be tapped

RIGHT	LEFT
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4. Is this a referral for PleurX?

YES	NO
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5. Please circle which of the following medications the patient is taking. These will need to be stopped 2-7 days before the procedure.

Endoxaban (Lixiana), Rivaroxaban (Xarelto), Apixaban (Eliquis), Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
Clopidogrel (Plavix), Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
Warfarin (Coumadin)
Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)
Other medications affecting clotting (ASA does not need to be stopped).

**Please fax this requisition to Division of Respiriology, Pleural Space Clinic, 613-549-1459.
For inquiries, please contact the Pleural Space Clinic office 613-548-2332.
Please provide your patient with the attached information regarding their procedure.**