Thoracic Intervention Instructions

Thank you for referring your patient for care at the Department of Radiology at Duke University Medical Center.

The procedure date and time is detailed within the e-mail accompanying this letter.

In order to avoid a delay in diagnosis and patient inconvenience, please ensure that:

1. The patient arrives at Duke North Radiology reception 1 hour prior to the scheduled appointment.
2. The patient is NPO after midnight the night before.
3. The patient has a driver with them.
4. The following labs are drawn within 2 weeks of the procedure:
   - Platelet count
   - PT/INR (INR must be \( \leq 1.5 \))
   - PTT (only required if the patient is on Heparin or a Heparin analog- i.e. Lovenox®)

   Although discouraged, if lab work needs to be performed the day of the procedure, the patient must report to Duke South Clinic 1D 2 hours prior to their appointment.

5. The patient has stopped the following medications per Duke Pharmacy guidelines prior to intervention as follows:
   - ASA/NSAID: 7 days
   - Coumadin®: 7 days
   - Plavix®: 5 days
   - Lovenox®: 12 hrs (prophylactic dose) and 24 hrs (therapeutic dose)
   - Heparin: 6 hours

A dictated report of the procedure will be available within 24 hours following the biopsy. The pathology report is typically available within 3 days.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist in this patient’s care. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions (919.684.7419).