

THORACENTESIS

- Hospital will advise patient the correct entrance and registration area
- You may eat and drink prior to the procedure
- If you are taking medications such as Coumadin, Plavix, Aspirin or any other blood thinners, please discuss this with your physician
- Plan to be at the hospital approximately 2 to 3 hours for your procedure
- You **MUST** have a responsible companion with you. This person will stay in the waiting room and drive you home. If you cannot arrange for a companion, the procedure may need to be rescheduled
- Beaumont Hospital will be contacting you prior to your procedure
- Should an emergency arise prior to your thoracentesis, please call the office at 248-556-5582
- Our office will call you prior to the procedure with further information.
- Beaumont Personal Assistance Services formerly known as Helping Hands is a paid service offered by Beaumont for those who have no companions or ride for your procedure. Please call 248-743-6667, so that you may have somebody to pick you up, stay with you during your procedure and bring you back to your residence after.