

Interventional Radiology



Heparinized Saline on Sterile Scrub Table in Interventional Radiology

- Heparinized Saline Solution – 2u/mL-500mL Heparin
- Heparinized Saline is used in all Interventional procedures if and when arterial or venous access is being achieved. The heparinized saline is used on the sterile scrub table in bowls and syringes to flush catheters and wires.

Arterial Line Set-Up & Usage for Angiography Cases in Interventional Radiology

- Heparinized Saline Solution – 2u/mL-500mL bag of Heparin will be used in a pressure bag set-up during all angiographic cases in Interventional Radiology.
- If the arterial line is continued once the patient leaves the Radiology Department, the pressure bag will be converted to Normal Saline to support the Hospital Protocol.

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Abdominal abscess drain/Cholecystostomy drains

- On all abdominal abscess and cholecystostomy drains, obtain the following on the fluid:
 - Aerobic culture
 - Anaerobic culture

Thoracentesis

- Always send a fluid sample to the lab

Paracentesis

- Always obtain a cell count on fluid for all patient with the diagnosis: Cirrhosis

Things to remember

- Clearly label all specimens with patient name, the area the specimen is from, and differentiate location if there are multiple sites.
- Check for orders in the chart to ensure the ordering physician hasn't ordered labs.

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Subject to change at the discretion of the radiologist due to clinical circumstances.