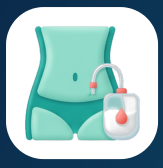
DO NOT FORGET · THE SHORT CHECKLIST



Ascitic drainage (paracentesis)

Needle aspiration of peritoneal fluid for diagnosis (diagnostic tap) or insertion of a drain to remove large volumes of ascites (therapeutic paracentesis).

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Patient reference	Date	Time	Completed by

The 2 steps that must not be missed

- [ ] BEFORE
  Do not insert through infected skin, scars, visible veins or a haematoma

- [ ] DURING
  If the patient becomes hypotensive or unwell, stop the drainage and reassess

The short list: an aid to memory, not the whole procedure. The full checklist is at the QR code. It does not replace your local protocol or your clinical judgement.