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#### **DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR AFTER A THOROCENTESIS**

1. Resume previous medications as directed.
2. Coughing after procedure can be normal, as fluid is removed the lung wants to expand and does this by coughing. However, excessive coughing, shortness of breath, or any difficulty breathing should be evaluated by a medical professional immediately. Please report to the Emergency Room.
3. The dressing can be removed after 24 hours.
4. May shower/bath the next day.
5. Please call with any concerns.