

Medical Imaging

Special Procedures and Interventional Exams

PROCEDURE TYPE	Site Availability						
	NW HSDA			NI HSDA		NE HSDA	
	PRRH	MMH	BVDH	UHNBC	GRB	DCDH	FSJ
Low risk procedures							
Diagnostic paracentesis and thoracentesis	✓	✓★	✓★	✓	✓	✓	NA
Peripheral joint injection or aspiration	NA	✓★	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peripheral joint arthrography	NA	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breast/lymph nodes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA
Prostate biopsy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA
Thyroid and Lymph node FNAB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Superficial abscess drainage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA
Moderate risk procedures							
PICC line insertion	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓	NA	✓	✓
Low risk procedures in medium risk patients	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Lung biopsy	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Liver biopsy non-targeted	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Nephrostomy tube change	NA	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓	NA
Lumbar puncture	✓★	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓	NA
Abdominal, chest wall core biopsy, pleural abscess drainage	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Therapeutic thoracentesis and paracentesis	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Intra-abdominal/chest wall/retroperitoneal core biopsy	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Intra-abdominal/retroperitoneal abscess drainage	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
High risk procedures							
Renal Biopsy	NA	NA	NA	✓	NA	NA	NA
Vascular/biliary interventions	NA	NA	NA	✓	NA	NA	NA
Targeted liver biopsy	NA	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓	NA
UHNBC specialized procedures							
Fallopian tube recanalization				✓			
Catheter and line exchange requiring guide wire				✓			

If procedure not listed or unsure, consult with local Radiologist.

LEGEND: ✓ = Available at site ★ = Not done by Imaging Dept.p NA = Not available at site

NB. This list is a best effort, and due to unforeseen events, may not reflect what is actually available at a site. Physicians and NH staff are expected to work collaboratively to find the best solution for the patient.

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