



Dr. Loeb's Shoulder CT Arthrogram with Aspiration
Fluoro Time Target Limit-1.0

Per Dr. Aronoff; for aspiration prior to CT arthrogram shoulder for Dr. Michael Loeb:

- Referral should request aspiration in addition to the CT arthrogram
- Prep the shoulder for the arthrogram
- Use a 20 ga needle, after aspiration attempt, continue with the arthrogram without removing the needle
- Tech is to comment in the tech notes and relay to the Radiologist whether the aspiration was negative (dry) or positive and if positive, how much fluid was aspirated, to describe the fluid: color, cloudy, or bloody: show to the Radiologist if uncertain what to look for.
- Any fluid collected is to be sent for culture and analysis. Cap the syringe and put it in the plastic CPL bag. Fill out the CPL form completely.
- **If tap is dry, do not inject saline and attempt to re-aspirate**-move on to arthrogram
- Arthrogram to be performed whether the aspiration is negative or positive.
- Be sure to reinsert the stylet before removing the spinal needle.
- Radiologist to comment on aspiration findings, arthrogram to be reserved for MSK Radiologist

The Following are the lab orders requested by Dr. Loeb: Write the following lab orders clearly on the bottom of the CPL form:

- Aerobic & anaerobic cultures
- Fungal Cultures
- AFB
- Gram Stain
- Cell Count

******* (All fluid to be held at CPL for 3weeks) to r/o: PACNES) *******

- Dr. Loeb's contact information should be in the top right corner of the CPL form to ensure that his office receives the results:
- **Dr. Michael Loeb** 911 W 38th St Ste 300, Austin, TX 78705
- **Office** (512) 439 – 1002 **FAX** (512) 439-1085

***When ending the patient: If aspiration was requested; comment on the fluid collected in your tech notes for the Radiologist; amount of fluid collected; color- bloody, cloudy, yellow, Etc. or dry tap (no fluid could be aspirated)

**Codes to be used are the same as a regular shoulder arthrogram with CT.

(Arthrogram part): ZFLASL/ LT or RT and (CT part): ZCTSHSL/LT or RT

**We cannot charge for both the arthrogram code and the aspiration code on the same exam.

**Therefore, it is OK to perform these when the patient has Medicare at IDTF sites.

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