

EXAM: , Ultrasound-guided paracentesis, HISTORY: ,
Ascites., TECHNIQUE AND FINDINGS: , Informed consent
was obtained from the patient after the risks and benefits of
the procedure were thoroughly explained. Ultrasound
demonstrates free fluid in the abdomen. The area of interest
was localized with ultrasonography. The region was sterilely
prepped and draped in the usual manner. Local anesthetic
was administered. A 5-French Yueh catheter needle
combination was taken. Upon crossing into the peritoneal
space and aspiration of fluid, the catheter was advanced out
over the needle. A total of approximately 5500 mL of serous
fluid was obtained. The catheter was then removed. The
patient tolerated the procedure well with no immediate
postprocedure complications., IMPRESSION: ,
Ultrasound-guided paracentesis as above.