

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.