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Authorizing Prescriber(s)

Respirologist(s) who work within the Durham Regional Cancer Centre Malignant Pleural Effusion Clinic

Authorized to Whom

Any Nurse Navigator (Registered Nurse) working in the Malignant Pleural Effusion Clinic at Lakeridge Health and the Durham Regional Cancer Program.

Co-implementers: Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) employed at Lakeridge Health

Patient Description/Population

Any patient referred to the Malignant Pleural Effusion Clinic prior to their first consultation or returning for a follow-up appointment at Lakeridge Health.

Order and/or Procedure

The Malignant Pleural Effusion Nurse Navigator is authorized to select the following investigations. The Medical Radiation Technologist Co-implementer is authorized to perform the X-ray

- Laboratory tests
 - CBC, INR, PTT, LD, total protein
- Diagnostic imaging
 - Chest X-ray: single view, PA & lateral

Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

- Patient is accepted into the Malignant Pleural Effusion Clinic
- Patient who requires ongoing follow up for a malignant pleural effusion

Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

- Patient or Substitute Decision Maker refuses to consent
- Patient is pregnant or pregnancy is suspected

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Consent

Consent will be obtained by telephone or in person with the patient or substitute decision maker. The Malignant Pleural Effusion Nurse Navigator initiating the Medical Directive will obtain consent and document in the patient health record.

Documentation Requirements

In addition to standard documentation practices, including any required requisitions, the Malignant Pleural Effusion Nurse Navigator implementing the Medical Directive must document the following in the electronic patient record:

- The investigation(s) selected (Chest X-ray, Laboratory tests)
- The name of the Medical Directive
- Date
- Name and Signature of the implementer, including credentials

In addition, the Nurse Navigator will document in the electronic health record any additional information/actions taken.

Review/Evaluation Process

The Medical Directive will be reviewed by the Malignant Pleural Effusion team every two years.

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