**Ultrasound-guided procedures of the thorax**

**Appointment**   .  .20  , at   :

Please contact the unit treating you / Day hospital

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 **Examination place**

Kainuu Central Hospital, imaging unit.

**Preparation for examination**

Prior to the procedure, blood coagulation laboratory examinations will be taken.

If you have an anticoagulant medication, interruption of the medication will be planned in conjunction with the date of your procedure by the unit treating you. You can take other medication prescribed to you by your doctor according to instructions with a small amount of water. If necessary, please contact the unit treating you, if you have an aspirin medication.

**You must abstain from eating and drinking at least for 4 hours before the procedure.**

We ask you to leave jewels and other valuables at home.

Prior to the procedure, an intravenous line will be inserted.

**Examination**

You will be taken to the radiology department on bed. The skin on the site of the procedure will be disinfected. Radiologist will numb the skin with local anesthesia and use ultrasound to get the sample. The procedure will take approximately half an hour

**After the examination**

A wound dressing will be put on the procedure site. It has to be kept dry for two days after the procedure.

You will be kept on bed rest for four hours and your blood pressure and heart rate will be monitored for six hours in the unit treating you. After the procedure, you may eat and drink normally.

The doctor in charge of your care will inform you of the results of the examination.

**Contact**

**If the appointment date is not suitable for you, please contact the unit treating you**

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fee for missed/non-cancelled appointment for an ultrasound examination can be charged. If you need to cancel the appointment, contact the unit treating you before 12:00 on the day before examination.

For further information about the examination, including patient instructions, please contact the imaging unit.