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INTERIM POLICY

The University of Calgary Internal Medicine Residency Program Policy on Bedside Paracentesis, Thoracentesis, and Central Venous Catheterization Procedures

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This policy is actively being modified in response to feedback on its prior form. As such, this is an interim policy to make immediate changes with future modifications to follow.

This policy pertains to bedside procedures performed by residents outside of the ICU setting. It does not apply to residents on procedurally oriented specialty rotations, such as the performance of lumbar punctures in Neurology or thoracentesis in Respiriology. **It is inferred by the IMRP that faculty supervising a medical procedure are themselves competent to perform the procedure (as per their medicolegal responsibility).*

1. All bedside thoracenteses, paracenteses and central venous catheterizations MUST be directly supervised by any GIM faculty willing and/or able to do so.
2. All paracenteses and thoracenteses performed must include all steps and requirements as outlined in the Paracentesis (Desy, Brotherston, Ma, 2021.) and Thoracentesis (Kiberd, Chee, Dumoulin, Tran, Ma, 2022.) Manuals for the University of Calgary.
3. The Perfect Paracentesis Pathway is no longer in effect

