

**Harbor-UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine  
Procedure Competency Form  
Tube Thoracostomy – PGY-2 and PGY-4**

**Resident:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Observing Faculty:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pediatric      Adult**

**Procedure**

- Informs patient of procedure and obtains consent (non-emergent cases)
- Observes universal precautions
- Prepares chest tube tray (gets appropriately sized tube, preps equipment)
- Proper position of patient with arm above head
- Proper sterile technique maintained
- Skin prep appropriate for situation
- Appropriate local anesthesia
- Properly placed skin incision
- Blunt dissection and puncture of pleural space
- Placement of tube posterior and toward the apex
- All chest tube holes inside the thorax
- Connection to Pleurovac
- Tube secured with sutures / dressing
- Review of post-placement chest x-ray
- Procedure note written

**Assessment:**      **Not independent**      **Independent**      **Expert**

**Comments:**

**Faculty Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_