

## **TAPPING ASCITES AND PARACENTESIS**

### **Supporting information**

#### **Infected ascites <48 hr after starting treatment with antibiotics is a contraindication for paracentesis?**

An evidence-based practice guideline from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (Runyon, 2009) states that there “are few contraindications to paracentesis” and lists only coagulopathy with clinically evident fibrinolysis or clinically evident disseminated intravascular coagulation.

Runyon BA. Management of adult patients with ascites due to cirrhosis An Update: AASLD Practice Guideline. Hepatology, 2009; 49: 2087–107

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/hep.22853/epdf>

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