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: ___________________________