

CHAPTER **e55**

Clinical Procedure Tutorial: Thoracentesis

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Clinical procedures are an important component of medical student and resident training, and some are required for board and hospital certification. In these new *Harrison's* eChapters 54–57, video tutorials are presented for performing abdominal paracentesis, thoracentesis, endotracheal intubation, and central venous catheter placement. These videos have been created specifically for *Harrison's*. Each includes the indications, contraindications, equipment, potential complications, and related patient safety considerations. Additional video tutorials covering clinical procedures such as breast biopsy, IV line insertion, phlebotomy, arterial line insertion, arthrocentesis, bone marrow biopsy, lumbar puncture, pelvic examination, thyroid aspiration, basic suturing, and urethral catheterization are available to subscribers of *Harrison's Online* and *AccessMedicine* (available at www.accessmedicine.com).