

Absolute contraindications

1. Bacterially infected ascites, peritonitis
2. Severe general bacterial infection
3. Liver insufficiency
 - clotting disorders
 - hepatic encephalopathy (stages II–IV)
 - bilirubin > 10 mg/dl
4. Cardiac insufficiency
5. Respiratory insufficiency
6. Blood-tinged, highly viscous ascites

Relative contraindications

1. Increased fibrinolytic activity of the ascites
2. Previous bleeding of oesophageal varices
3. Oliguric renal insufficiency
4. Malignant ascites