

1 A Yes, it will. Again, it is going to
2 restrict the motions of the lung, depending upon the
3 extent of the pleural fluid.

4 It can have a severe impact on somebody's
5 ability to breathe.

6 Q Is there any procedure whereby that fluid is
7 ultimately moved?

8 A Yes.. There is a procedure known as a
9 thoracentesis where a needle is put in between the
10 ribs and fluid is taken out.

11 That can provide relief, but it is often
12 only temporary, because the underlying condition is
13 still there and the fluid will reaccumulate.

14 Q Will the reaccumulation of the fluid cause
15 the person to be short of breath?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Is it uncommon for the reaccumulation of the
18 fluid to reoccur?

19 A No, that is what is most common. Usually
20 the fluid keeps occurring even after a thoracentesis.

21 Q Doctor, are you familiar with the term