Hematocrit stable?

No

Patient on anticoagulation, including anti-platelet therapy?

Yes

Discuss timing of removal with surgical team

No

Re-evaluate later today

Yes

Patient postop >12 hours?

No

Re-evaluate later today

Yes

Has patient sat up?

No

Re-evaluate later today

Yes

Patient being fed?

No

Remove chest tube

Yes

Discuss timing of removal with medical team if sedation needed
Chest Tube Removal Algorithm

References
