

Needle Decompression of Tension Pneumothorax



Step 1: Locate second intercostal space in midclavicular line on side of pneumothorax



Step 2: Puncture skin with 16 gauge angiocath over rib in second intercostal space



Step 3: Remove needle and listen for a gush of air from angiocath



Step 4: Leave catheter in place and prepare for tube thoracostomy

