

# Lumbar Puncture / Myelogram Questionnaire

Inpatient	
Must have head study CT or MRI ( <i>unless waived by RADIOLOGIST</i> )	
Head study reviewed by radiologist/ RA?	Yes      No
Is the patient on blood thinners?	Yes      No
Medication _____ Last Dose _____	
If yes, follow anticoagulation guidelines: (INR required for pts on Coumadin (Warfarin)). Platelet count required for all anticoagulation patients.	
PLT _____ INR _____	
>50,000      < 1.5	
Is patient able to lay prone?	Yes      No
Is patient allergic to chlorohexidine or lidocaine?	Yes      No
Is patient well hydrated?	Yes      No      If no, PLEASE HYDRATE
Myelogram pts:	
Iodine or contrast allergy?	Yes      No
If yes, pt must have 13-hour prep	
Nurse to begin prep at _____ for exam @ _____	
Is the patient able to consent?	Yes      No
If no, will a family member/ POA be available to provide consent?	
<b>Transport:</b> Pt needs to travel in bed/stretchers, patient stickers and lab stickers	
<b>Intrathecal chemo injections:</b> pt's nurse must bring chemo meds and stay for exam (double check chemo meds ordered and available for scheduled exam time)	
<b>CT Cisternogram: PRE-SCAN IN CT BEFORE MYELOGRAM!</b>	

Outpatient	
Are you on blood thinners?	Yes      No
If yes, instruct patient to call provider and confirm anticoagulation medication can be withheld for the recommended amount of time.	
Are you able to lay on your stomach?	Yes      No
Do you have a ride for your exam?	Yes      No
<b>MUST HAVE A DRIVER/ADULT ESCORT</b>	
If utilizing taxi service or public transportation, a friend or family member should accompany you after the procedure to your home or hotel. A taxi or public transportation driver is not considered an escort.	
Are you allergic to chlorohexidine or lidocaine?	Yes      No
<b>Myelogram Patients:</b>	
Do you have an Iodine or contrast allergy?	Yes      No
** If yes, pt. must have 13-hour prep	
Is there a reason you are unable to have an MRI?	
If patient is unable to consent, POA must provide consent at the time of the exam	
<b>Chemo injections:</b> 1 day prior to exam- call pharmacy/fax order (verify received), inform RCU of exam, RCU nurse to obtain chemo and handoff to RAD	
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Appointment time:

Check in time:

**\*\*Remind patient to hydrate before exam & limit activity post exam\*\***

MEDICATION	Pradaxa (Dabigatran) Off 4 days in ESRD patients	Therapeutic Lovenox (Enoxaparin) 1mg/kg BID	Prophylactic Lovenox (30-40 mg daily)	Arixtra (Fondaparinux) Xarelto (Rivaroxiban) Eliquis (Apixaban) Fragmin (Dalteparin)	Plavix (Clopidogrel) Pletal (Cilostazol) Effient (Prasugrel) Brilinta (Ticagrelor) Ticlid (Ticlopidine)	ASA (Aspirin) Aggrenox (Aspirin Dipyridamole)	NSAIDs
PROCEDURE	Coumadin (Warfarin) <b>CHECK INR IF COUMADIN HELD</b>	or IV heparin: Consider holding 2-4 hours if aPTT > 1.5x upper limits of hospital lab's nomogram.	SQ heparin (5000 U BID-TID)				
	Do not give FFP for elevated INR in patients with stable chronic liver disease						
Lumbar Drains Lumbar Puncture Myelograms	Off 3 days. INR should be 1.5 or less	Hold 24 hours pre and post	Hold 12 hours pre and 24 hours post	Off 24 hours pre and post	Off 5 days, if possible	Continue	Continue