Lumbar Puncture / Myelogram Questionnaire

Inpatient

Must have head study CT or MRI (unless waived by RADIOLOGIST)
Head study reviewed by radiologist/ RA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the patient on blood thinners? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Medication_____ Last Dose_____
If yes, follow anticoagulation rules and PLT/INR to be done prior to exam
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?

Transport: Pt needs to travel in bed/stretcher, send stickers with patient

Intrathecal chemo injections: pt's nurse must bring chemo meds and stay for exam (double check chemo meds ordered and available for scheduled exam)

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? (**MUST HAVE DRIVER**) Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you allergic to chlorohexidine or lidocaine? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Myelogram pts:
Do you have an Iodine or contrast allergy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, pt. must have 13 hour prep

If patient is unable to consent, POA must provide consent at the time of the exam

Chemo injections: *1 day prior to exam*- call pharmacy/fax order (verify received), inform RCU of exam, RCU nurse to obtain chemo and handoff to RAD

Appointment time: Check in time:

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

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