

Date: Time:

Procedure Note: Lumbar puncture

Indications: assess for CNS pathology

Operator:

Others present:

Indications, risks, and benefits explained to patient / surrogate decision maker and informed consent obtained. Patient positioned, prepped and draped in usual sterile fashion. L4 space located using bilateral iliac crests as landmarks. 1% Lidocaine without epinephrine was used to anesthetize the area. A 22G spinal needle was introduced into the arachnoid space. Stylet was removed with appropriate fluid return. Needle removed after adequate fluid collected. Blood loss was minimal. A dry guaze dressing was placed over insertion site. Patient tolerated the procedure well and no complications were observed. Spontaneous movement of bilateral extremities were observed after the procedure.

Opening pressure: _____ *cm H20 (hips & legs flexed / extended) , not measured*

Total fluid removed:

Color of fluid:

Sent for: *cell count + diff, gram stain, cultures, glucose, protein, cytology*

Signature / Name:

Provider / Pager:

A time-out was performed, with all individuals present agreeing on the procedure to be performed, the site of procedure, and the patient identity