

Guidelines for Fluoroscopically-Guided Lumbar Puncture by Neuroradiology

We are happy to provide assistance for technically challenging cases. Due to the resources and radiation involved, this should be a route of last resort. We require that a thorough evaluation has taken place with attempt on the floor by house staff and/or an attending prior to neuroradiologic consultation.

If the clinical team members are not skilled in lumbar puncture, a request for assistance from Neurology should be made first. If Neurology is unable to respond, Anesthesiology can be contacted second.

Neurology pager - 580-5248

Anesthesiology contact number – 662-4800 then 0610 to page the floorwalker.

If an attempt on the floor is felt to be dangerous or not otherwise possible, please contact us directly to discuss the case.

We will need the following information:

- Indication and reason for consultation
- Recent PT/INR (within 30 days)
- Ensure that patient can give consent or provide appropriate contact for consent
- Laboratory orders placed by managing clinical team

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