

Special Procedures Lumbar Puncture

PREPARATION FOR YOUR TEST

1. Blood thinners must be stopped prior to procedure. (Patient should check with their physician before stopping)
2. Bring medications or a list of them to appointment.
3. Patient needs to bring written physician order for spinal fluid studies.
4. Please arrive 30 minutes early. (One hour early if lab is needed)
5. Patient must have a driver.
6. **MUST** have driver present in department during test.
7. Recovery time may be up to four hours.