

**Harbor-UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine
Procedure Competency Form
Lumbar Puncture – PGY-1**

Resident: _____

Observing Faculty: _____

Date: _____

Adult Pediatric

Procedure:

- Describes the indications / contraindications for performance of lumbar puncture
- Informs patient of procedure including risks and benefits and obtains verbal or written consent, as appropriate
- Observes universal precautions
- Positions patient properly for the procedure
- Maintains proper sterile technique
- Skin prep appropriate for procedure
- Explains steps of procedure to patient throughout the procedure
- Appropriate local anesthesia
- Needle aimed at proper angle and direction
- Resident able to analyze and correct potential reasons for unsuccessful procedure
- Measures opening pressure (adults)
- Proper clean up of patient and equipment including disposal of sharps
- Ordering of appropriate laboratory analyses for CSF
- Procedure note written

Assessment: **Not independent** **Independent** **Expert**

Comments:

Faculty Signature: _____