

**Department of Emergency Medicine
Procedure Competency Form
Lumbar Puncture**

Resident: _____

Observing Faculty: _____

Date: _____

PGY: ☐ I ☐ II ☐ III

☐ **Pediatric**

☐ **Adult**

Procedure: **Simulated Procedure:** ☐ yes ☐ no

_____ Recognizes the indications 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

_____ Appropriate local anesthesia

_____ Needle aimed at proper angle and direction

_____ Resident able to analyze and correct potential reasons for unsuccessful procedure

_____ Proper clean-up of patients and equipment including disposal of sharps

_____ Ordering of appropriate laboratory analyses for CSF

Assessment:

_____ Competent to perform under direct supervision in the clinical setting

_____ Competent to perform under indirect supervision in the clinical setting

_____ Competent to perform with general oversight in the clinical setting

_____ Competent to perform independently without supervision

Faculty Signature: _____