Fluoroscopy Protocols

**Lumbar Puncture**

*If the patient has Medicare, this exam cannot be performed at IDTF sites (SW, RCP, or WC).*

**Follow protocols set by each Neuro Radiologist - see Binder at site.**

**Assist the Neuro Radiologist with the exam.**

**Scheduling and Prep:** *Patient should be screened ahead of time by the paramedics*

**Supplies:** *Lumbar Puncture tray *Sterile gloves *Sodium Bicarbonate (optional) *Betadine solution (warmed) *Clinical Pathologies specimen bag *Clinical Pathologies Order form completely filled out *Patient labels (Must have orders to send to the lab prior to beginning exam)

**Room Set Up:** *Open sterile tray *Remove tower drapes *Have gloves opened and supplies available *Patient should be prone *Expose lower back and shave is necessary *Place an “L” or “R” marker on underside of fluoro tower

**Procedure:** *Assist neuro radiologist with the exam *Inform radiologist if opening pressures are requested. *Put patient’s labels on sterile specimen tubes. *Document Puncture time for Paramedics and for specimen labels *If Multiple Sclerosis protocol is ordered: Blood must be drawn by Paramedics and sent with the CSF to the lab
**Post Lumbar Puncture:**

*Patient should remain recumbent unless otherwise instructed by the radiologist*
*Document- puncture time, needle size, and location of needle placement, lot number and expiration date of lidocaine or any medications injected on the contrast form*
*Patient must remain at the office for one hour following the puncture time*
*Call Clinical Pathologies Dispatch at 512-873-1604*
*Provide Clinical Pathologies with ARA name, address and type of specimen.*
*Have completed package available for pick-up at front desk. Fill out Clinical Pathologies Dispatch book.*