

Procedure time is approximately 30 - 45 minutes. You will be laying on your stomach and/or side during the procedure.

Patient Preparations:

You should wear loose-fitting clothing that is easy to change out of. You may experience a headache after the procedure, so arranging a ride home would be best. Please bring a list of drug/medication allergies.

Bloodwork:

No bloodwork is required for lumbar punctures.

Anticoagulation / Antiplatelet Medications:

Medications do not need to be stopped for lumbar punctures. If unsure about specific medications then please call the DI Nurse to discuss.

ORDERING PHYSICIAN: Please call the DI Nurse at 705-325-2201, ext. 3497 if you have concerns about your patient's anticoagulation / antiplatelet medications.

Please bring your OHIP card to the hospital on the day of your appointment. If you are unable to keep this appointment then please phone the DI Booking Line at **705-327-9127** to cancel or rebook.

Questions or concerns about the procedure? Call the DI Nurse at **705-325-2201, ext 3497**