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Post LP documentation

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Introduction: Lumbar puncture (spinal tap) is a commonly undertaken invasive procedure to collect and test CSF for diagnosis of various brain and spinal disorders.

Aim: The aim of the audit is to assess the quality of Post Lumbar puncture documentation and whether they follow the local trust guidelines with the use of LOCC SSIPs.

Methodology: To retrospectively assess 37 files dated from January 2021 to July 2021 to check the use of consent form LOCC SSIPs and documentation.

Result:

- Consent taken: 37
- 2. Details of procedure:
- -Indication written: 35
- -Details of procedure written (ANTT method, opening pressure if needed, sample collected and sent, any post procedure complication): 35
- -Post LP advice written: 35
- -LoC SSIP used: 0

Measures for Improvement:

- -To stick posters/ reminders above the LP kit stand.
- -To introduce LoCSSIP in the LP kit.
- -To make stickers with LP procedure steps written on it in the LP kit (which can be stuck in the patient's file).

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