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: ___________________________