



# LUMBAR PUNCTURE

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## RESULTS

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The radiologist will read your exam and send the report to your provider within 24 hours.

## QUESTIONS

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Please contact the Imaging department at 765-932-7556 with any questions or if you need to re-schedule your exam.

## THANK YOU

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Thanks for choosing RMH for your imaging needs. We look forward to seeing you!

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### WHAT TO EXPECT

During a lumbar puncture the Radiologist will use Fluoroscopy to remove spinal fluid. Prior to your exam you will be taken back to the dressing room to change into gown and scrub pants. The technologist will then take you to the exam room where you will be asked to lay on your stomach. The Radiologist will use the x-ray machine to locate the epidural space. The skin will be prepped and cleaned for the procedure. The Radiologist will then use a very small needle to numb the skin. Once the area is numb he will then insert catheter device to prepare for fluid removal. When catheter is in the epidural space the radiologist will start to fill lab vials for collection. When the Radiologist has the desired amount of fluid he will remove the catheter and place a bandaid on the skin. After procedure you will be asked to log roll onto another cart flat on your back. You will remain flat on your back for 1 hour while the nurse monitors you for pain. Laying flat post procedure is important to help prevent the chance of having a “spinal headache”.

## PATIENT PREP

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### BEFORE YOUR EXAM

If you are on any blood thinners including baby aspirin or maintenance ibuprofen please hold these for 24 hours prior to your exam. ***\*Please be sure to check with the Dr. who prescribes this medication before holding\****

You may be required to get pre-procedural labs drawn prior to your examination. If you choose to have your blood drawn the same day as your procedure please arrive one hour prior to your scheduled examination time.