



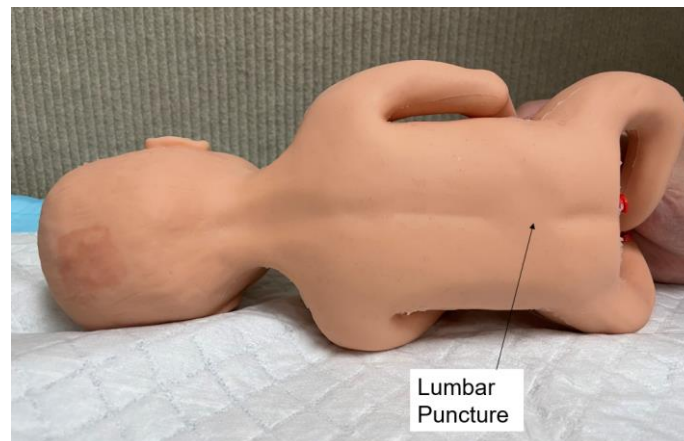
Lumbar Puncture

What is a lumbar puncture?

A lumbar puncture is done to remove a small amount of fluid called CSF or cerebrospinal fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord.

How is it done?

- The doctor will insert a small needle between the bones of the lower part of the back.
- The CSF will drip out of the needle and a small amount will be collected.



Why is it necessary?

It may be needed to:

- Test the CSF for brain infection
- Drain the CSF to reduce pressure in the brain

There are always risks with any medical procedure

Some of the risks include:

- Bleeding
- Infection

The doctors and nurses will take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your baby's risks are minimal.

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