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No STAT referrals. For any STAT situation, call the **ON CALL Provider:** [Oncall List - CHPulse](#). **External Providers** should call the Confluence Health Main line (800-726-8808) and ask for the on-call provider.

Contact Nurse Navigator or Referral Coordinator with any other questions.

Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus

<i>Procedures</i>	Lumbar puncture
<i>Comments</i>	Results of lumbar puncture preferred prior to scheduled appointment

All Referrals

<i>Imaging/Studies</i>	X-rays of the Lumbar Spine or Cervical Spine 4 views (ap/lat/flex/ext) are preferred in advance to check for instability. In the referral comments : state whether patient has had previous imaging.
<i>Comments</i>	If patient does not have an MRI , they will be scheduled with a PA for evaluation and workup. If patient has had previous surgery related to the referral reason, obtain any operative reports and imaging .

Referrals from Outside CH

<i>Comments</i>	Fax referral along with chart notes and imaging reports. Have imaging uploaded to PACS viewing system.
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