

## REFERRAL GUIDELINES – NEUROSURGERY

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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.

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

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

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

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