NATIONAL PARAMETERS/CONSENSUS

Now that you have completed the pre-survey and your practice audit, you should have a comprehensive view of what is currently being done in your practice as it relates to professionalism and procedure management of fluoroscopic-guided lumbar puncture. There are national parameters that have been published and consensus statements written on this topic. Links to those resources are provided below and will provide a better understanding of the nationally accepted evidence based recommendations. You might want to note in the table that you created as part of your chart review how your actual practice compares to these recommendations. When you have completed this step, mark the appropriate box on the checklist in the Title Page.

Guidelines and Resources
The following list includes guidelines, statements and reports related to minimally invasive procedures such as lumbar punctures, procedure management and professional practices. These resources are designed to help you as you educate yourself, your colleagues and staff and then implement your PQI project. This list is by no means exhaustive.

American College of Radiology
ACR–ASNR–SPR Practice Guideline for the Performance of Myelography and Cisternography
(http://www.acr.org/~/media/ACR/Documents/PGTS/guidelines/Myelography.pdf)

Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology
Quality improvement guidelines for preventing wrong site, wrong procedure, and wrong person errors: application of the joint commission "Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong Site, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Person Surgery" to the practice of interventional radiology. JVIR 2008; 19:1145-1151

Other
Hand Hygiene in Healthcare settings
http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/guidelines.html

