Module B Post Test

Question 1: Fluoro-guided lumbar puncture is **least** appropriate for which of the following patients?

A. A morbidly obese inpatient with no prior attempt  
B. An ICU patient with no prior attempt  
C. An obese outpatient with a failed attempt in clinic  
D. An elderly patient with prior lumbar surgery

Question 2: Which of the following would be an **absolute** contraindication to a fluoro-guided lumbar puncture?

A. Pregnancy  
B. History of back surgery  
C. INR of 3.0  
D. Allergy to lidocaine

Question 3: Fluoro-guided lumbar puncture can be performed most safely in patients under any of the following conditions **except**:

A. Aspirin 325mg taken today  
B. Coumadin discontinued 5 days ago  
C. Beta blocker taken 2 hours ago  
D. Low-molecular weight heparin taken 6 hours ago

Question 4: Which of the following items in a history and physical would **most** strongly suggest the need for a head CT prior to lumbar puncture?

A. History of CNS mass lesion  
B. Fever  
C. Photophobia  
D. Elevated white blood cell count

Question 5: The procedure note should contain all of the following **except**:

A. Clinical Indication  
B. Anesthesia/Sedation  
C. Fluoroscopy time  
D. Instrument count
Question 6: On review of a patient’s history, physical exam and imaging, which of the following would be a relative contraindication to lumbar puncture?

A. INR of 1.3  
B. Platelet count of 80,000 / mL  
C. Intrauterine pregnancy at 32 weeks  
D. History of thoracic spine instrumentation

Question 7: How long should a patient undergo bed rest following a lumbar puncture?

A. Bed rest for 2 hours  
B. Bed rest for 6 hours  
C. Bed rest for 24 hours  
D. No bed rest required

Question 8: Which of the following is not part of routine post-lumbar puncture patient instructions?

A. Follow-up if there is a disabling or persistent headache  
B. Follow-up if there are signs of infection at the procedure site  
C. Restart anticoagulation after 24 hours  
D. Resume normal diet