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**RE:** **EDLP Order Set**

On Wednesday September 17, the HRLMP will introduce a standard Order Set in the Emergency Departments of the HHS to make the ordering of lumbar punctures easier and more standardized.

The order set will have the Meditech mnemonic **EDLP**.

This order set will order the collection of 3 csf tubes. Please collect the tubes in order, using the frosted numbers on the csf collection tubes.

Tube # 1 will be for csf glucose and protein. Use the label for **SfGLU,SfTP**.

Deliver to the Core Laboratory

Tube #2 will be for csf culture. Use the label for **CULT-SPINAL FLD**. Deliver to the Microbiology Laboratory.

Tube #3 will be for csf cell count. Use the label for **SFCC**. Deliver to the Core Laboratory.

It is important to collect the tubes in the order above, using the labels that will be printed when the tests are ordered.

This order set should cover the common tests ordered for patients in the ED. CSF specimens delivered to the Core Laboratory will be retained for at least 1 week, so that further tests may be ordered if appropriate. Extra tubes, if collected, will also be stored.

Please distribute this memo as appropriate.