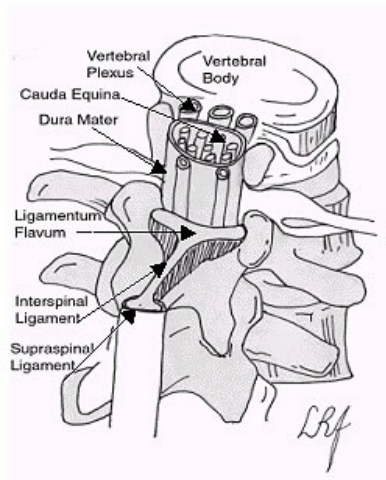
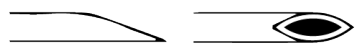


Lumbar Puncture Checklist

- Signed consent in the chart
- Consider CT in patients with
 - Altered mental status
 - Gaze palsy
 - Abnormal visual fields
 - Focal Neurologic Deficits
 - Immunocompromised
 - Prior CNS disease
 - Seizures in the past week
 - Unable to answer 2 questions and follow 2 consecutive commands
- Ensure platelets are $< 100,000$ and INR < 1.3
- Ask about prior lumbar surgeries or need for image-guided LPs in the past
- Gather your equipment
 - Lumbar Puncture Tray & additional needle if needed
 - Sterile gloves, mask, and hat for everyone in the room
 - Additional lidocaine or premedication
- Follow hospital-specific lumbar puncture procedure.



Common Lumbar Puncture Needle Tips

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