

# UHS RSCH ICU Neurosurgical Prompt Cards

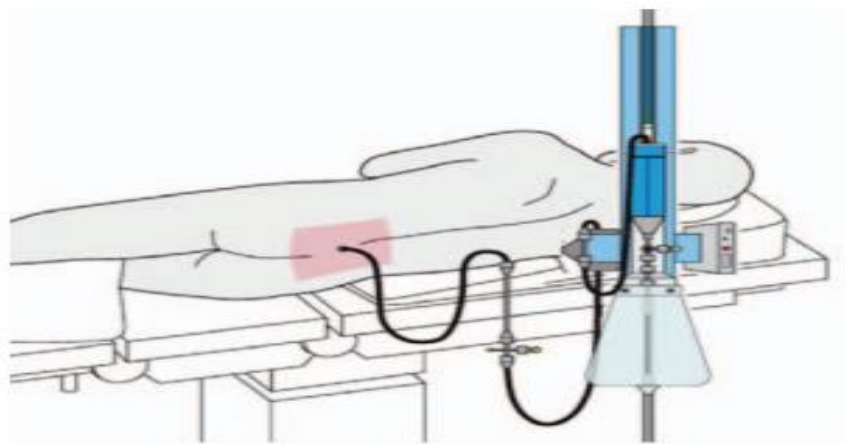
## Care of patient with a LUMBAR drain

*LUMBAR drains may be used for patients post SAH if EVD has been removed and then hydrocephalus later re-occurs. They may also be used post transphenoidal resection of pituitary adenoma*

General care for LUMBAR drains is as per EVD Prompt Card – PLUS:

### **LUMBAR DRAIN SPECIFIC CARE:**

- Clarify the levelling point with neurosurgery – this may be the SHOULDER, the LUMBAR INSERTION POINT or occasionally the EAM
  - If a lumbar drain has been inserted to minimise risk of CSF leak post surgery (ie: transphenoidal resection of pituitary adenoma) then **the drain must be kept open to drainage at all times, including during repositioning/transfer**
- *Example of lumbar drain, manometer and drainage system, levelled at the lumbar insertion point*



**Lumbar drain connected to a manometer**