On-line Appendix
1. At your institution, on average over the past 5 years, how many C1–2 punctures are performed in a year?
A. None
B. 1–5
C. 6–10
D. 11–25
E. >25
2. What is your division's approach to cervical myelography?
A. We almost always favor a lumbar approach and run the contrast up.
B. We assess the patient and decide which is a better approach—lumbar or C1–2—and make a decision, but can go either way
C. Some faculty members will almost always favor a C1–2 approach and some almost always lumbar.
D. We almost always favor a cervical C1–2 approach.
3. What percentage of cervical myelograms performed in your institution are via a C1–2 approach? (only reply if you do >10 cervical myelograms a year)
A. <10%
B. 11%–25%
C. 26%—50%
D. 51%–75%
E. >75%
4. In the last year, how often did your institution perform C1–2 punctures to obtain CSF (for example, in ICU patients who are intubated and are supine in a
hospital bed)?
A. None
B. 1–5
C. 6–10
D. 11–25
E. >25
5. To show the upper extent of a block in a patient who has a contraindication to MRI, does your division perform C1–2 puncture myelograms?
A. Yes
B. No
6. Does your division feel that performing a C1–2 puncture for cervical myelography (in a patient with a contraindication for MRI) is below the standard of
care?
A. Yes
B. No
7. Would your division ever perform a C1-2 puncture to evaluate the thoracic or lumbar spine (eq, in a recent post-op lumbar spine patient with local infection
which precluded a lumbar puncture)?
A. Yes
B. No
8. Is there someone in your division who has been trained to perform C1-2 punctures?
A. Yes
B. No
9. Are your fellows/residents trained in how to perform C1-2 punctures?
A. Yes
B. No
10. If your division is asked to perform a myelogram on a patient with a contraindication to MRI and you are not able to gain access via a lumbar approach,
what do you do?
A. We tell them we cannot do the procedure.
B. We ask another service to gain access (eg., neurosurgical cisternal puncture).
C. We perform a C1–2 puncture.
D. Other (please specify)
11. Under what, if any, conditions would someone in your institution perform a C1–2 puncture?