

External Lumbar Cerebrospinal Fluid Drainage Indications

1. to reduce CSF pressure on a site of Cerebrospinal fluid fistula/fistula. Example situations:
 - a) dural breach during spine surgery or craniotomy (especially posterior fossa)
 - b) for spontaneous CSF fistula (rare)
 2. to reduce intracranial pressure in cases of communicating hydrocephalus: e.g. drain test for NPH, or when an infected shunt has been removed
 3. to reduce CSF pressure to attempt to increase perfusion of the spinal cord: e.g. during surgery for abdominal [aortic aneurysm](#), or following [spinal cord injury](#)
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see [Cerebrospinal fluid tap test](#).

see [External lumbar cerebrospinal fluid drainage for cerebrospinal fluid fistula](#).

Reduce intracranial pressure (ICP) during a craniotomy.

[External Lumbar Cerebrospinal Fluid Drainage for subarachnoid hemorrhage](#)

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