



NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Blood Patch Procedure 2014-013

The epidural injection of blood or clot patch may be indicated when the member has a headache following a lumbar puncture procedure that requires treatment.

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