

Laboratory Policy on Performing Blood Collections for a Peace Officer

- Applicability** This policy applies to all personnel of AHS Laboratory Services, the Lamont Health Centre and laboratories administered by Covenant Health.
- Purpose** This document provides guidance to laboratory personnel regarding requests from Peace Officers for the collection of patient blood samples pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada for Peace Officer investigations of impaired driving.
- Policy** If Laboratory Services personnel are asked to collect a sample for a Peace Officer acting under the Criminal Code of Canada, they will:
- **only** collect when an order from the attending physician (Qualified Medical Practitioner) is in place,
 - (once the attending physician has ordered the collection) follow all instructions provided by the Peace Officer and attending physician, and
 - give the sample(s) and completed *Certificate of a Qualified Technician* form directly to the Peace Officer.
- The Laboratory does not process or test any samples when collected for these purposes.
- Responsibility** Laboratory personnel are responsible for:
- Being aware of the process of collection of blood samples for law enforcement, and
 - Communicating with the attending physician if the request for collection of a blood sample for a Peace Officer will interfere with the need to be elsewhere to attend to urgent duties.
- Reference** AHS North Zone Policy Level 3 – Provision of Blood Samples for Peace Officer Investigations of Impaired Driving HCS-51 found at <http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Files/clp-blood-samples-investigations-impaired-driving-policy.pdf>
- Related Documents** Current version in the Laboratory Quality Manual:
- [Laboratory Process for the Collection of Blood Samples for a Peace Officer](#)

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