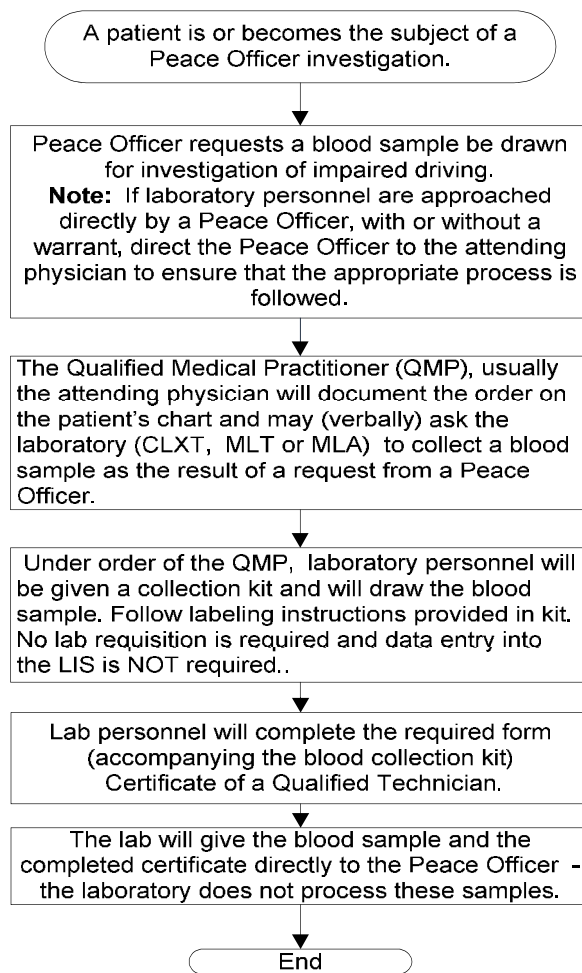


Laboratory Process for the Collection of Blood Samples for a Peace Officer

- Applicability** This process applies to all personnel of AHS Laboratory Services, the Lamont Health Centre and laboratories administered by Covenant Health.
- Purpose** This document provides direction to personnel when asked to collect a blood sample for a Peace Officer investigating possible impaired driving.
- Process** Laboratory personnel will follow the process below when asked to collect a blood sample for a Peace Officer:



Explanation of Definitions used on Certificate (blood kit insert):

Qualified Medical Practitioner (QMP) is defined as a person duly qualified by provincial law to practice medicine which for the purposes of AHS Laboratory Services is in most cases the attending physician.

The **Qualified Medical Practitioner** will assess the patient's ability regarding consent and also assess any warrant provided. **Laboratory personnel act solely on the order of the QMP to collect the sample.**

Qualified Technician (QT) is the person other than the QMP that collects the sample- when ordered by the QMP. This is the laboratory personnel member.

*If sample collection for suspected impaired driving is requested but the laboratory personnel are required to be elsewhere to attend to urgent patient care duties (STAT collection, testing or imaging), they should explain the situation to the attending physician.

References AHS North Zone Policy Level 3 – Provision of Blood Samples for Peace Officer Investigation of Impaired Driving HCS-51 found at <http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Files/clp-blood-samples-investigations-impaired-driving-policy.pdf>

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