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

AHS Laboratory Services

Laboratory Process

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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:

A patient is or becomes the subject of a Peace Officer investigation.

Peace Officer requests a blood sample be drawn for investigation of impaired driving.

Note: If laboratory personnel are approached directly by a Peace Officer, with or without a warrant, direct the Peace Officer to the attending physician to ensure that the appropriate process is followed.

The Qualified Medical Practitioner (QMP), usually the attending physician will document the order on the patient's chart and may (verbally) ask the laboratory (CLXT, MLT or MLA) to collect a blood sample as the result of a request from a Peace Officer.

Under order of the QMP, laboratory personnel will be given a collection kit and will draw the blood sample. Follow labeling instructions provided in kit. No lab requisition is required and data entry into the LIS is NOT required..

Lab personnel will complete the required form (accompanying the blood collection kit)

Certificate of a Qualified Technician.

The lab will give the blood sample and the completed certificate directly to the Peace Officer - the laboratory does not process these samples.

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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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