

<p align="center"><b>St. Anthony Regional Hospital</b></p> <p align="center">POLICY/PROCEDURE</p>	<p>Effective Date:</p>	<p>Latest Revised Date:</p> <p>Reviewed Date: 12/2016 <i>[Signature]</i></p>
<p><b>Title: LEGAL BLOOD ALCOHOL – LAW ENFORCEMENT</b></p>		<p>Department: Laboratory</p>

**Principle:**

Law Enforcement Officers may request that a legal blood alcohol be drawn from any person being suspected of over-the-limit alcohol consumption. The blood is to be drawn by a MD, RN, Death Investigator, MT or MLT.

**Procedure:**

The Law Officer will request a legal blood alcohol. The law officer must provide the collection kit.

1. Complete the consent form from the officer requesting the test.
2. Obtain the kit from the requesting officer.
 

In the event that law enforcement does not have a legal blood alcohol kit with them but requests SARH laboratory run an alcohol: This will only be done if the ER physician submits a request for alcohol testing. This is then a Medical Serum Alcohol and not a Legal Blood Alcohol.
3. Use soap and water to cleanse the area. **DO NOT USE ALCOHOL.**
4. If blood is needed for other tests – draw those tubes as needed but only use the designated tube for the legal alcohol.
5. Label the designated tube with :
  - a. Patient’s name and date of birth.
  - b. Date of draw.
  - c. Time of draw.
  - d. Initials of person drawing the blood.
6. Follow the instructions included in the collection kit for “chain of custody” as to sealing the kit.

NOTE: Testing of legal blood alcohols is **NOT** done at SARH.