Collecting Legal Blood Alcohol Specimens

Purpose

To provide complete chain of custody documentation for the purpose of obtaining a legal blood alcohol level from a patient in the emergency room. To assist law enforcement officials in obtaining a legally binding specimen for the purpose of evidence to be presented to a court of law.

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Policy

- Licensed personnel, (Medical Technologists, RN's and physicians) and trained Laboratory Assistants and Phlebotomists may obtain blood alcohol levels requested by members of the law enforcement agencies for legal purposes.
- The officer must present a completed and signed "Blood Test Request by Peace Officer" form **BEFORE** collecting blood for a legal blood alcohol level.
- Patients seen in Sutter Roseville Medical Center Emergency Department for medical treatment are the only patients that may be drawn for legal blood alcohol levels.
- Patients arm must be prepared for this collection using castille soap or betadine.
 NEVER USE ALCOHOL PREP FOR THIS PROCEDURE.
- Once a patient is placed under arrest (ask officer) they do not have the right to refuse the draw.

Related Documents

- California Department of Justice collection kit box
- Blood Test Request by Peace Officer form

To perform a legal blood alcohol specimen collection you will need the following items:

- 1. Blood Test Request by Peace Officer form
- 2. California Department of Justice collection kit box
- 3. Castille soap pad in place of alcohol prep pads
- 4. All supplies needed for draw using the *Collecting Blood Specimens by Venipuncture* procedure

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Seal the envelope and hand it to the requesting officer. 11 Verify the Blood Test Request by Peace Officer is completed. Have the officer fill in 12 any information that is missing. Provide a copy of the completed Blood Test Request by Peace Officer form to 13 registration so that a Lab Account Number (Lab CSN) can be created. Tube the completed Blood Test Request by Peace Officer form to the laboratory. 14 Once the Blood Test Request by Peace Officer form is received in the laboratory the 15 computer processor will immediately order the test LBV in Sunquest Order Entry: Then Select the appropriate Lab Account Number The RV Lab account number is listed in Order entry. and proceed to step 10 below. The RV Lab account number is 1. Log in to EPIC to determine the Lab NOT listed in Order Entry. CSN number (note: do not select the primary CSN number) 2. Open Sunquest Order Entry 3. Enter the patient's medical record number 4. Pick the RV Lab account listed 5. Select New Episode in Sunquest Order 6. Enter the lab location RVLABA 7. Continue 8. Enter the lab CSN number from EPIC 9. Save 10. Enter the collection date/time 11. Enter UNKN for provider 12. Enter the phlebotomy tech code 13. Workload Code is VP 14. Order Code LBV 15. Enter the Law Enforcement Agency and County in the Modifier 16. Assign Accession Number 17. Document the Accession Number on the Blood Test Request by Peace

Officer Form

18. File the paperwork in the Legal Blood Alcohol folder in the file cabinet

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BLOOD TEST REQUEST BY PEACE OFFICER

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