**TITLE: Venous Carboxy Hemoglobin Draws for Respiratory Department**

**Principle:** On occasion lab will be asked to draw a venous sample for carboxyhemoglobin. This usually occurs in the ED and when other specimens are being drawn. Lab does not perform the test but will oblige and draw the specimen, and send it on to respiratory to be tested.

**Personnel:** Phlebotomy Staff

**Procedure:**

1. If asked to draw a venous sample for the tests listed below, please do so. The tests involved are listed below.

**CAIONVEN – Ionized Calcium Venous**

**VHBCO – Carboxyhemoglobin Venous Soft label will say Syringe**

2. **Specimens are drawn in a Green tube with no gel**

3. Label the specimen with the Soft Label

4. Call respiratory at 2415 or 4768 to alert them you are sending a specimen

5. Use the pneumatic tube, and sent to the Neuro Science station.