**TITLE: Venous Specimen Draws for Respiratory Department**

**Principle:** To provide guidance on how to draw venous specimens for the respiratory department when performing phlebotomy procedure for lab also.

**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.
   1. CAION – Ionized Calcium Venous
   2. VHBCO – Carboxyhemoglobin Venous Soft label will say Syringe
2. Specimens are drawn in a short dark green Lithium Heparin tube with no gel.
3. Label the specimen with the LIS Label.
4. Call respiratory at extension 2415 or 4768 to alert them you are sending a venous specimen to the Neuroscience ICU.
5. Use the pneumatic tube and send the specimen to Neuroscience ICU station.