

 Saskatchewan Health Authority	Title: Community Paramedicine Unable to Acquire Lab Sample	
	Role performing Activity: Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), Registered Nurses (RN, RPN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Nurse Practitioners (NP), Physician/Most Responsible Physician (MRP),	
<h1>WORK STANDARD</h1>	Location: Community Paramedicine Settings – Former Saskatoon Health Region	Department/Unit: Pre-hospital EMS
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Work Standard Summary: The purpose is to outline practitioner roles when participating in a Community Paramedicine (CP) phlebotomy care event within the former Saskatoon Health Region, now a part of the SHA.

Definition of Community Paramedicine: “Community Paramedicine is a model of care whereby paramedics apply their training and skills in “non-traditional” community based environments (outside the usual emergency response/transport model). The community paramedic may practice within an “expanded scope” (applying specialized skills/protocols beyond that which he/she was originally trained for), or “expanded role” (working in non-traditional roles using existing skills)” (*International Round Table on Community Paramedicine, 2015*).

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) utilizes CP in a variety of different ways to meet client/patient/resident needs within our rural and urban communities. CP is whatever each community needs in that area, delivered in a manner that can be individualized for a specific client/patient/resident or generalized for groups of clients/patients/residents. Thus the programming is flexible by design, but based on similar foundational skill sets and working within the established [protocols and defined scope of practice](#) as outlined by the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics.

Community Paramedicine Setting: CP can take place in a variety of settings including: working with SHA partners in Home Care, Long Term Care, Public Health, Acute Care and community environments. The SHA endeavors to create working, respectful relationships between existing services and paramedics in each area prior to engaging in any CP initiatives. The CP model of care is designed to be a collaboration between paramedicine, and health care providers/agencies/services.

Additional CP resources are available at: <http://infonet.sktnhr.ca/prehospital-emergency/Pages/Community-Paramedicine-Resources.aspx>.

Care Team: Members of the care team include the Client/Patient/Resident and/or Family Member, Nurse Practitioner (NP)/Registered Nurse (RN)/Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Continuing Care Assistant (CCA), Most Responsible Physician (MRP), and the Advanced Care Paramedic.

Team Stakeholders: Consultation between the NP/RN/RPN, MRP, client/patient/resident/family member and the ACP will determine whether the patient is a candidate for the Community Paramedic program. If deemed appropriate, an ACP will be requested to attend and aid further treatment as per the established care plan decided by the stakeholders above.

Essential Tasks:	
1.	ACP attends to requesting location to acquire requested laboratory sample.
2.	ACP unable to obtain sample from client/patient/resident.
3.	ACP reports to care team/staff/family (where available) that attempts to obtain sample were unsuccessful.
4.	ACP to consult with MRP/NP regarding next steps: (e.g. ACP to attempt to obtain sample again on the next day, book alternative service, transfer to acute care to acquire sample, etc.).
5.	ACP to receive orders from MRP/NP with patient/client/resident/ and care staff/family (where available).
6.	ACP to document: attempts to acquire sample were unsuccessful, discussion with MRP/NP, discussion with client/patient/resident and discussion with care team/family; then place a copy in client/patient/resident chart (where available).
7.	When a chart is not available ACP to forward a copy of documentation to care team lead or MRP/NP.

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