

## BLOOD DRAWS

Indications for blood draws will be limited to:

1. Medical cases requiring laboratory documentation (see **blood tube information**).
  - ✓ Suspected hypoglycemia (prior to IV glucose)
  - ✓ Suspected drug overdose
  - ✓ Unconscious patient, unknown cause
  - ✓ Trauma patients
  - ✓ Hypotensive patient, unknown cause
  - ✓ Suspected MI
  - ✓ Suspected Stroke
  - ✓ Unstable Medical Condition
2. Method of transporting field blood samples
  - I. The blood tubes should be placed in a sealable plastic bag bearing bio-hazard logo and then taped to the patient's IV bag.
  - II. The specimen bag should then be labeled with the patient's name, date, time of draw, and the initials and agency of the drawer.
3. Legal blood alcohol specimens. Use aseptic technique (povidone-iodine and **NO** alcohol swabs).



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Blood may be drawn at the request of law enforcement as provided in RCW 46.20.308. Document law enforcement request on "Direction to Take Blood Test"

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### DIRECTIONS TO TAKE BLOOD TEST

The undersigned states that \_\_\_\_\_ is either:

- Unconscious
- Has had a Search Warrant issued for blood to be drawn
- Is under arrest/in custody for the crime of vehicular homicide as provided in RCW 46.61.520 or vehicular assault as provided in RCW 46.61.522.
- Is under arrest/in custody for the crime of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs as provided in RCW 46.61.502 and/or RCW 46.20.308.

The undersigned directs Spokane County EMS to administer a blood test without the consent of the individual so unconscious or so arrested.

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_