

Kent County EMS, Inc.
Community Paramedicine Protocol
Specimen Collection Procedure

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This protocol provides guidance for the Community Paramedic/Mobile Integrated Health Paramedic (CP/MIHP) obtaining a specimen for laboratory testing. Orders from the patient's physician must be present, or verbal orders obtained followed with an Interim Physician Order (IPO).

Purpose: To assist patients by obtaining specimens in their home for diagnostic and testing procedures.

Procedure:

1. Follow *General Treatment Protocol 11.2*.
2. Review lab order and ensure it is appropriate for the patient to have CP/MIHP specimen collection.
3. Any labs may be obtained and brought to a local hospital or outpatient laboratory affiliated with the ordering PCP or other specialty physician.
 - Venous blood collection:
 - a. Perform lab draw using universal precautions.
 - b. Label each tube with participant name, date, DOB, ordering physician, and time drawn.
 - c. Complete lab paperwork for the hospital or laboratory affiliated with the ordering physician.
 - d. Deliver specimen to the hospital or laboratory.
 - Urine collection
 - a. Obtain clean-catch midstream specimen minimizing contamination.
 - b. Label the collection cup with participant name, date, DOB, ordering physician, and time collected.
 - c. Complete lab paperwork for the hospital or laboratory affiliated with the ordering physician.
 - d. Deliver specimen to the hospital or laboratory.
 - Other specimen collection:
 - The CP/MIHP may collect other types of specimens if ordered by a patient's PCP or other specialty physician, including but not limited to:
 - Stool Specimen
 - Influenza swab
4. If any specimen is collected utilizing the orders from the patient's PCP or other specialty physician, they will be notified after specimen is collected.