



EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa 2023 Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols



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17M – BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ADULT & PEDIATRIC

EMT-INTERMEDIATE 85

ADVANCED EMT

PARAMEDIC

Indications:

Collection of evidentiary blood samples for assisting law enforcement officers in select situations where logistics would otherwise prove notably difficult (e.g. patient transport out of state, patient transport significant distance in state). Blood collected will be for the purpose of Blood Alcohol and/or Drug Content Analysis pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes Title 47. Motor Vehicle Chapter 67 - Chemical Tests Section 752 - Procedure for Blood Tests - Authorization - Liability for Withdrawal - Reports Cite as: 47 O.S. § 752 (OSCN 2022). 40 O.A.R 10-9-1 - Persons authorized to withdraw blood

Procedure by EMS Personnel:

1. At no time is patient care to be compromised for the purpose of blood sample collection for assisting law enforcement. Unstable patients may not have evidentiary blood samples drawn if treating EMS personnel believe such will compromise medical care. Unstable patients should be transported to the hospital, where blood collection can be performed by hospital-based personnel.
2. EMS personnel should not be requested for the sole purpose of collecting a blood sample under the Oklahoma Vehicle and Traffic Law if no obvious EMS medical care need exists. Any person contacted by EMS personnel under such circumstance is to be offered medical assessment, care, and transport. See also Protocol 14D: Informed Patient Consent/Refusal.
3. EMS personnel are allowed, but not required, to perform blood collection requested by a law enforcement officer and consented to by the patient. If on-scene disagreement occurs between EMS personnel and law enforcement officers specific to the immediacy of medical care and/or EMS transportation needs, provide care within MCB Treatment Protocols and contact OMD for on-line consultation. Such consultation may include discussion by OMD with the ranking law enforcement officer on scene and/or supervising an arrest (if applicable). Medical decisions are to be made by EMS personnel (which may include OMD consultation).
4. OMD/physician contact is not required for EMS personnel to collect a blood sample for the purpose of Blood Alcohol and/or Drug Content Analysis if requested by a law enforcement officer.
5. If a blood sample is collected by EMS personnel, it must be performed in the presence of a law enforcement officer. EMS personnel obtaining a blood sample must collect or immediately deposit the collected blood samples into 10 milliliter (mL) glass vacuum tubes labeled by the manufacturer as containing 100 milligrams (mg) of sodium fluoride and 20 milligrams (mg) of potassium oxalate. The vacuum tubes contained in the State of Oklahoma Blood Specimen Collection Kit meet these requirements.
6. In the process of obtaining a blood sample, do not use an alcohol containing skin prep over the venipuncture site. If starting an IV for fluids or medications, first obtain the blood samples in the tubes provided by the law enforcement officer before the IV line.