


P-P2 LEGAL BLOOD DRAW (CONSENSUAL)	This guideline may or may not be adopted by at the discretion of the Agency's EMS Director	
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INDICATIONS


- An informal (without warrant) or formal (with warrant) request is made by an appropriate/affiliated Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) to collect a patient's blood sample.
 - The procedure must be performed with an Officer present for the entire procedure.
 - The patient must willingly allow the EMS provider to draw the blood sample.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- **Any patient that is unwilling to allow a blood draw:**
 - Verbally refuses (even without decision-making capacity)
 - Shows signs of agitation/combativeness
 - Any other signs where the EMS provider is concerned about their safety
- Any patient that requires any physical or chemical restraint → This includes anyone (EMS personal, law enforcement, etc.) even having to hold the wrist/arm in extension.
- Any patient less than 18 years of age

STOP!

- Any patient who refuses a blood draw (even with an appropriate warrant) should/may be transported by a law enforcement officer to the closest emergency department (or other location at the officer's discretion) for a forced blood draw.
- **EMS providers will NOT transport a patient to the ED or other locale if the only need is for the legal blood draw.**
- If a patient must be transported for other medical concerns, the destination will be based on the patient's perceived clinical needs and is at the discretion only of the attending EMS provider.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Only two (2) attempts will be made to collect samples.
2. Iodine prep pads shall not be used if allergic to Iodine or Shellfish, use an alternate pad.
3. **No Alcohol prep pads may be used.**
4. The requesting officer will label all specimens.
5. If the person appears to be injured, perform a thorough assessment, treat conditions as required and recommend transport to the hospital.

PROCEDURE: Legal Blood Draw

1. Receive and complete request form (if applicable). Print and sign name.
2. Utilize proper PPE.
3. Prepare equipment – Gloves, tourniquet, 4X4 Gauze, Cohesive wrap, Iodine prep pad (if no allergies) Blood collection set, and Vacutainer. Confirm the officer has the appropriate blood tubes.
4. Position the patient appropriately with the arm extended in a downward position.
5. Apply tourniquet.
6. Cleanse site with Iodine prep pad (ensure no Iodine or shellfish allergies)
 - a. Use an alternate pad if the patient is allergic.
 - b. **Do NOT use an Alcohol prep pad.**
7. Insert the needle, bevel up at appropriate angle to match depth of Vein.
8. Obtain first blood tube from Officer. Place the tube inside the vacutainer and fill the tube to just below the rubber stopper on the vial. Give the first sample to the Officer.
9. Obtain a second blood tube from the Officer and repeat collection. Give the second sample to the Officer.
10. Release tourniquet.
11. Remove the blood collection set. Place in a sharps container.
12. Place 4x4 (or other appropriate dressing) on access, hold or instruct the patient to hold direct pressure at the access site.
13. Wrap with Cohesive wrap.
14. Advise the patient no alcohol prep pads were used in the cleansing site.
15. Doff PPE and dispose of properly.