

Standards Procedure (Skill) Parenteral Access Section

Parenteral Access: Venous Blood Draw

Clinical Indications:

- Collection of a patient's blood for laboratory analysis

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P	PARAMEDIC	P

Procedure:

1. Utilize universal precautions as per OSHA.
2. Select vein and prep as usual.
3. Select appropriate blood-drawing devices.
4. Draw appropriate tubes of blood for lab testing.
5. Assure that the blood samples are labeled with the correct information (a minimum of the patient's name, along with the date and time the sample was collected).
6. Deliver the blood tubes to the appropriate individual at the hospital.

Certification Requirements:

- Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System.