

Evidentiary Blood Draw (optional)

Purpose

The GCMCA has provisions to allow paramedics working for a licensed GCMCA agency, when requested by a law enforcement officer, who is in the possession of a search warrant duly signed by a magistrate or judge, and under the supervision and at the direction of medical control, to draw blood for the purposes of determining the presence of alcohol and/or drugs. If a patient presents with a medical condition, the General Prehospital Care protocol will be initiated.

Post-Radio

PARAMEDIC

1. Obtain blood draw kit from law enforcement officer and only use the provided contents within the kit for collection.
2. Sample shall be obtained in the presence of a law enforcement officer.
3. Do not use alcohol or alcoholic solutions to sterilize skin surface, needle or syringe.
4. Draw two tubes of venous blood from subject in presence of law enforcement officer, and tell the subject **IN THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** that no alcohol was used in sterilizing the skin surface, needle, or syringe. Slowly invert blood collection tube(s) several times to distribute the sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate preservative.
5. Complete blood specimen label(s) by entering name of subject, date and time of blood collection, and your name in ink.
6. In the presence of subject, hand tube(s) of blood and label(s) to law enforcement officer for signing, packaging, and transfer to the laboratory.