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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
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FROM: Tom Lynch
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES/PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020

The revised policy listed below is effective March 1, 2020.

ICEMA Reference Number and Name

4050R1 EMT-P Blood Draw for Chemical Testing at the Request of a Peace Officer

Please insert and replace the attached policy and the Table of Contents in the Policy and Protocol Manual with the updated document. The ICEMA policies and protocols can also be found on ICEMA's website at www.ICEMA.net under the Policy and Protocol Manual (2020) section.

If you have any questions, please contact Loreen Gutierrez, Specialty Care Coordinator, at (909) 388-5803 or via e-mail at loreen.gutierrez@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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POLICIES/PROTOCOLS CHANGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020

Reference #	Name	Changes
DELETIONS		
None		
NEW		
None		
CHANGES		
4050R1	EMT-P Blood Draw for Chemical Testing at the Request of a Peace Officer	Further clarification to narrative section and contraindications.

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EMT-P BLOOD DRAW FOR CHEMICAL TESTING AT THE REQUEST OF A PEACE OFFICER

I. PURPOSE

To allow ICEMA accredited paramedics (EMT-Ps), not employed by fire departments, to withdraw blood samples at the request of a sworn peace officer for the purpose of chemical testing from persons suspected of driving under the influence.

Per California Vehicle Code 23158 (k): paramedics employed by fire departments are not allowed to draw blood for a peace officer.

II. POLICY

Upon completion of an agreement with the employing ALS provider and with the approval of ICEMA, allow EMT-Ps to draw blood at the request of law enforcement for chemical testing.

At no time will the request for blood draw for alcohol level take precedence over the medical treatment of the patient.

III. PROCEDURE

An EMT-P, at the request of law enforcement, may draw blood for chemical testing if the following conditions are met:

- The employing ALS provider received ICEMA approval following submittal for a Specialty/Optional Scope Program to draw blood at the request of law enforcement.
- The request must be in writing from the peace officer.
- Blood draw kits will be supplied by the law enforcement agency.
- The procedure will be performed based on standard practice, pursuant to the directions on the supplied kit (Benzalkonium Chloride) and documented as such. The obtained sample will be the property of the arresting officer.
- A patient care record must be completed for all requests and include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - Patient name
 - Sex
 - Date and time
 - Name of requesting peace officer
 - Brief medical history including medications and allergies
 - Vital signs
 - In the narrative section include the following information:
 - Kit number and/or case number
 - EMT-P name

- For initial and subsequent needle sticks include time, date, site and skin preparation used, and location of blood draw.
 - The patient's consent for the procedure and the peace officer's request for the procedure.
- Base hospital contact is not required unless there is a medical necessity.

IV. CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Expired laboratory tubes.
- Patient history of an allergy to the antiseptic used in the kit, or to Betadine. The EMT-P must refuse the request to draw and inform the peace officer of the situation.
- If the patient is on anti-coagulant therapy, direct pressure will be held on the site for at least one (1) full minute. A pressure dressing will be applied.
- No blood draws will be performed on patients with hemophilia.
- No blood draws will be performed on combative persons.
- If the patient refuses the blood draw for any reason, the EMT-P will document and stop procedure immediately. The EMT-P is not allowed to draw blood on a struggling or restrained patient. The patient must be cooperative.

V. TRAINING

EMT-Ps will be required to participate in a training program focusing on proper preparation of the blood draw site and required documentation.

Additional documentation:

- A log will be kept of all blood draws for DUI by the EMT-P's employer for quality improvement (QI) purposes.
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- ~~The patient's consent for the procedure and the peace officer's request for the procedure.~~

- ~~Brief narrative including the kit number, skin preparation used, and location of the blood draw.~~
- ~~If a second needle stick is required, the site and skin preparation will be documented.~~
- ~~The patient's consent for the procedure and the peace officer's request for the procedure will also be documented with the name and badge number of the peace officer.~~

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