



**Policy:**

When requested by a law enforcement officer, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic personnel shall provide assistance in obtaining blood and/or urine samples for the purposes of chemical analysis. Authority NCGS 20-139.1(c)

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to assist law enforcement agencies with the collection of blood and/or urine samples from a person that is in custody of the requesting law enforcement officer.

**Procedure:**

1. The law enforcement officer (LEO) will request EMS personnel to obtain a blood or urine sample for the purpose of gathering evidence in a DWI case.
2. If the subject requests treatment or transportation for a medical condition or injury, or if there is indication of the need for care or transportation, follow the appropriate protocol.
3. Dependent upon each agency's policies and procedures, EMS personnel may request written confirmation of the charging officer's request for the withdrawal of blood or collecting urine. If requested, the officer must furnish the written request prior to obtaining the blood and/or urine sample. For example, Buncombe County EMS does not require written confirmation and Mission Hospital EMS agencies will be required to obtain written confirmation, which will be scanned to the patient record.
4. EMS shall utilize the contents of a kit within use date supplied by the LEO to obtain the sample. Only PPE items can be supplied by EMS, all other items come from the kit supplied by the LEO.
5. EMS shall obtain the consent of the subject by having the subject complete the consent form in the kit.
6. A person requested to withdraw blood or collect urine pursuant to this G.S. may refuse to do so only if it reasonably appears that the procedure cannot be performed without endangering the safety to the person collecting the sample or the safety of the person from whom the sample is being collected. If the officer requesting the blood or urine requests a written justification for the refusal, the medical provider who determined the sample could not be collected safely shall provide written justification at the time of refusal.
7. Carefully and completely follow the directions included in the kit for labeling and transfer of samples.
8. Complete a patient care report with the following information: patient name, address, phone, etc. LEO's name, agency and badge number. Date, time and location of the sample.
9. If the patient has an injury or illness and does not wish to be transported, follow the appropriate refusal protocol. Otherwise a refusal is not required when the sole purpose of the contact is at the request of an LEO for blood or urine sampling.