

**St. Clair County**  
**System Protocols**  
Evidentiary Blood Draw (Optional)

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## **PURPOSE**

The optional Evidentiary Blood Draw protocol has provisions to allow Paramedics working for a licensed St. Clair County Medical Control Authority LSA, when requested by a law enforcement officer, who is in the possession of a search warrant duly signed by a magistrate or judge, or a voluntary consent form signed by the subject, acting under the delegation of the St. Clair County EMS Medical Control Authority's Medical Director, to draw blood for purposes of determining the presence of alcohol and/or drugs. It shall be understood this procedure is NOT a medical screening exam, if a subject requires any medical screening or presents with any medical condition, the **General Prehospital Care** protocol including must be followed.

## **PROTOCOL**

### **Pre-Medical Control**

#### **PARAMEDIC**

1. Obtain blood draw kit (sealed) from law enforcement officer and use the provided contents (labels and forms) with the necessary blood draw equipment provided by the LSA.
  - a. Hand the Alcohol and Drug determination forms to the law enforcement officer so they can complete the agency and incident sections.
2. Sample shall be obtained in the presence of a law enforcement officer in the patient compartment of a responding ambulance.
3. Do not use alcohol or alcoholic solutions to sterilize skin surface, needle or syringe
4. Draw two (2) 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 collection tubes. Slowly invert blood collection tube(s) several times to distribute the sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate preservative.
5. Complete the blood specimen label(s) by entering name of subject, date and time of blood collection, officer's name, your name and agency name in ink and place them on the blood tubes.
6. Complete the sample section of the Alcohol and Drug Determination form. When all three sections of the form are complete, hand the pink copy to the law enforcement officer, and following the evidence kit directions, place the labeled tubes and the remaining copies of the form into the kit, seal it and give it to the officer.
7. Complete a St. Clair County EMS Run Form (paper or electronic documentation) which documents the following:
  - a. Blood collection process
  - b. Patient demographics
  - c. Medical history (previous and current event)
  - d. Medications and allergies
  - e. Vital signs to include blood glucose
    - i. Paramedic to invoke **General Prehospital Care** protocol for blood glucose less than 60 mg/dl or greater than 400 mg/dl.