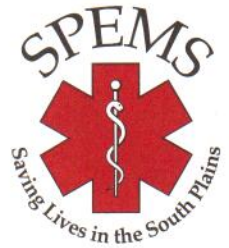


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To: SPEMS ALS & MICU SERVICES

Subject: BLOOD DRAW VARIANCE

Many receiving hospitals are not accepting blood draws from regional EMS services. This variance serves as your authority to have the option of drawing blood on patients.

If your receiving hospital(s) accept EMS blood draws you may choose to:

1. Continue utilizing the protocols as written.
2. Maintain your stock of blood draw tubes in the equipment list.

If your receiving hospital(s) do not accept EMS blood draws:

1. Do not draw blood on patients.
2. Do not carry blood draw tubes.

You will need to place a copy of this letter in each protocol book in each ambulance.

Sincerely,

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