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Medical Direction Policy Statement

November 10, 2010

To: SPEMS EMS Services

Subject: EMS Blood Draws

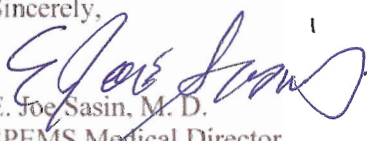
The primary responsibility of EMS is to provide emergency medical care and transportation to a medical facility for the sick and injured.

Drawing of blood, for evidence, is not a function of EMS.

Therefore, EMS personnel, under medical direction of South Plains Emergency Medical Services (SPEMS) are NOT authorized to draw any blood samples to be used for any purposes other than those outlined in the SPEMS Treatment Protocols.

Should any service or personnel wish to perform blood draws for ANY other purpose, then they must obtain medical direction from a source other than the SPEMS Medical Director.

Sincerely,


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