

Jackson County Medical Control Authority
Community Paramedicine Protocols
LAB DRAW

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Indications: This protocol provides guidance for obtaining a lab specimen for testing on the request of the PCP under the Community Paramedicine Program.

The CPU will respond to a residence for I-STAT value determination on a request from the primary care provider, on request by the patient through 911 triage or on referral from ALS 911 response.

Purpose: To assist the PCP in obtaining specimens for appropriate diagnostic and testing procedures. By performing the lab draws in the home, it prevents the patients from needing to go into a medical provider's office for a minor procedure that can be managed by the Community Paramedic.

CPU Directives:

1. Follow **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments** as indicated.
2. Obtain and review patient health history and primary care provider's orders prior to evaluation when available.
3. Perform the lab draw using universal precautions.
4. Blood tubes should be collected in the order of red, green, purple, pink, and blue.
5. Fill out the label for each of the tubes to include the patient's name, date of birth, CP's initials, and date and time of the lab draw. Pre-completed label may also be used when available.
6. Affix the label to the blood tubes.
7. Complete the lab paperwork provided by the PCP's office or hospital lab.
8. Place the samples in a biohazard bag.
9. Deliver samples to the appropriate ordering PCP's office or hospital lab.