



# Field Blood Collection

ALS PROCEDURE AP-15

<b>INDICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collection of blood at the request of law enforcement personnel for evidentiary purposes.</li></ul>
<b>PROCEDURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A law enforcement representative must request the blood sample be collected and must be present to witness the collection.</li><li>• There must be the appropriate collection equipment immediately available.</li><li>• The paramedic will obtain the collection sample only if the following conditions are met:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The paramedic provider agency has a written agreement with the local law enforcement agency to provide blood collection services;</li><li>• The paramedic is capable of obtaining the collection sample;</li><li>• If the individual that the blood sample is being drawn from is a patient, treatment may not be delayed, compromised, or interfered with as a result of the blood collection;</li><li>• The paramedic ensures appropriate chain of custody of the blood sample.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blood collection must not interfere with emergency medical care.</li><li>• It will be the provider agency's right to determine if their personnel shall participate in this program.</li></ul>