# Field Blood Collection

**ALS PROCEDURE AP-15**

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## Indication
- Collection of blood at the request of law enforcement personnel for evidentiary purposes.

## Procedure
- A law enforcement representative must request the blood sample be collected and must be present to witness the collection.
- There must be the appropriate collection equipment immediately available.
- The paramedic will obtain the collection sample only if the following conditions are met:
  - The paramedic provider agency has a written agreement with the local law enforcement agency to provide blood collection services;
  - The paramedic is capable of obtaining the collection sample;
  - 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;
  - The paramedic ensures appropriate chain of custody of the blood sample.

## Key Concepts
- Blood collection must not interfere with emergency medical care.
- It will be the provider agency's right to determine if their personnel shall participate in this program.