



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Labeling of Patient Blood Samples

As a condition of our Medical Laboratory Permit issued by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, all patient blood samples obtained by paramedics in the field must be labeled prior to delivering the samples to the hospital emergency department staff. Additionally, some hospitals have requested that paramedics label the blood tubes in order to facilitate a chain of custody for the samples and comply with their internal policies.

All blood tubes must have a label on them with the following information:


- Patient's Name
- Date & Time of the sample collection
- ALS Unit number (MICU or AFRA)
- Paramedic ID (MCFRS ID number)

Printed labels will be distributed to all stations that provide ALS services. These labels should be kept with or near the blood tubes on the units and/or in the ALS drug bags. Additional labels may be obtained by contacting an EMS Duty Officer.

Pt. Name _____
Date/Time _____
MICU _____ Paramedic ID _____

Effective immediately, all paramedics who draw blood samples in the field will label the blood tube accordingly prior to delivering the tubes to the hospital emergency department.

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