

SECTION: LABORATORY SERVICES

TOPIC: VENIPUNCTURE

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APPROVAL:

## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide our laboratory with quality blood specimens for testing.

## 2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 Blood collection by laboratory and hospital personnel will be performed according to our laboratory procedure.

## 3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Obtain computer labels generated by orders for tests requested. For registered outpatients, use faxed order from the Outpatient Order Log or prescription.
- 3.2 Upon entering the patient's room, identify yourself. State that you will be drawing blood for laboratory testing and gain the patient's confidence by behaving in a professional manner.
- 3.3 Ensure positive patient identification.

### **Inpatients**

- 3.3.1 Identify the patient to be drawn by matching each label with the patient's hospital identification armband.
- 3.3.2 Check for the correct match of the patient's full name and hospital medical record number and account number.
- 3.3.3 In the case that there is no armband present, contact the patient's nurse or charge nurse for a armband to be placed on the patient.
- 3.3.4 Inpatient's will **NOT** be drawn without a hospital armband.

### **Outpatients**

- 3.3.5 For recurring outpatients without armbands, ask the patient for the spelling of their last name and their birth date. If the patient is a