



Department: Medical Staff

Policy/Procedure: BLOOD ALCOHOL TESTING

PURPOSE:

To provide the Practitioner's Well Being Committee with a mechanism for Blood Alcohol Testing for those practitioners who contract with the committee for assistance and who require testing as a part of their agreement.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Chairman of the Practitioner's Well Being Committee or his designee will contact the Physician, the Director of the Laboratory and the Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement, to advise them that a blood sample is to be drawn and at what time.
2. An ID# will be assigned for record keeping purposes by the Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement. This number will be provided to the Director of the Laboratory. The laboratory report will designate the "ordering physician" as: PWB Chairperson name or his designee.
3. Unless otherwise stated, the blood sample will be drawn in the Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement's Office. The designated practitioner, the laboratory technologist and the Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement, will be present during the time the sample is drawn. The Chairman of the Practitioner's Well Being Committee or his designee might also be present at his or her own discretion, or if indicated or requested by any of the above-mentioned parties.
4. The sample will be processed by the laboratory at Torrance Memorial Medical Center.
5. The results of the test will be given to the Director of the Laboratory or their designee. The results will be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement. It is understood that the results will be reported in the milligrams/deciliter format. This is acceptable as the test is being performed to determine presence or absence of alcohol.
6. The Director, Medical Staff Services/Performance Improvement will ensure that the results of the test are provided to the Chairman of the Practitioner's Well Being Committee or his designee as soon as possible following receipt.
7. The Chairman of the Practitioner's Well Being Committee or his designee will contact the practitioner to discuss the test results.

Initial Approval and Major Revisions:

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