

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: 1100.14
MISCELLANEOUS:
LAB DRAWS**

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Tubes of blood for hospital laboratory evaluation may be collected in the field.

Indication:

- Patients who are ill, have a potential myocardial infarction, stroke or traumatic injury.

Contraindications:

- Do not attempt to draw blood if the IV access may be easily lost or would significantly delay transport.
- **Transport should not be delayed to obtain blood samples.**

Procedure:

1. Start IV using aseptic technique.
2. Attach vacutainer directly to inserted IV catheter using aseptic technique.
3. Fill all of the tubes in the lab bag supplied by the hospital.
4. Attach IV tubing or lock.
5. Return tubes to the bag and seal it closed.
6. Give the bag to the hospital staff on arrival to the hospital.