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BLOOD AND URINE TESTING FOR FORENSIC PURPOSES		

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for conducting blood and urine testing for non-medical purposes.

POLICY: Blood and urine testing for forensic purposes may be conducted by Health Services personnel if properly authorized and if the inmate consents to the procedure(s).

PROCEDURES:

I. Request for Specimen Collection:

- A. When a warden or the senior correctional officer on the facility determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that an inmate has been using alcohol and/or drugs, he/she may initiate a written request for blood and/or urine testing and direct it to the attention of the unit health authority (TTUHSC) unit medical director (UTMB). If an inmate tests positive by security for an illegal substance, security will contact the medical department to determine whether the inmate has been prescribed a drug that can give a positive reaction on the drug test. If the unit medical department is unable to make that determination, security should contact the TDCJ Office of Public Health for this information.
- B. When a member of the Office of the Inspector General is conducting a criminal investigation which includes the collection of blood for DNA analysis, he/she may initiate a written request for the collection of blood and direct it to the unit health authority/unit medical director. If, during an interview with an Office of Inspector General's investigator, an inmate agrees to submit to a DNA specimen collection, the investigator may contact the medical department and request that the inmate be taken to the medical department immediately and have the specimen collected at that time.
- C. Procedures II and III listed below would then be followed regardless of the source or method the request is received.

II. Prior to conducting such tests, written consent shall be obtained from the inmate and a copy of the consent form shall be placed in the inmate's health record.

III. Lack of Consent:

- A. In the absence of a written request from the senior correctional officer on the facility or the Office of Inspector General, and a written consent from the inmate, such tests may not be performed by facility medical staff.
- B. If the inmate does not provide written consent, the Office of Inspector General may provide

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their own phlebotomist and collect the specimen using the facility medical department if they have legal documents giving them the authority to do so.

Reference: TDCJ Administrative Bulletin 85-48,
Procedure for Controlled Substances Testing of Inmate (AD-03.21)