

ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE	NUMBER: 13.19	PAGES: 1 of 2
	RELATED ORDERS: Health and Safety Codes 199.96, 199.97, 199.98, (a,b,e,f), 199.99(a,b,c,d)	
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CHAPTER: Medical and Health Care Services	SUBJECT: Court Ordered Inmate Blood Samples	

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for processing court orders directing inmates to submit blood samples. This policy and procedure applies only to the Health & Safety Code sections listed under RELATED ORDERS.
- II. **POLICY:** It shall be the policy of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to reasonably comply with court orders that direct a specific inmate to submit a blood sample(s). The medical staff is not obligated to draw blood for forensic purposes.
- III. **PROCEDURE:** When the District Attorney's (DA'S) Office provides a court order directing a specific inmate to submit a blood sample the following shall occur:
 - A. The representative in possession of the court order shall contact the Glenn E. Dyer Detention Facility (GEDDF) or Santa Rita Jail (SRJ) Medical Liaison Sergeant and advise them of the order. The Medical Liaison Sergeant will direct the representative to call the medical laboratory at GEDDF or SRJ to schedule an appointment. All appointments must be scheduled prior to 1200 hours the day before the actual appointment.
 - B. Medical laboratory personnel will add the inmate's name to the scheduled appointment list.
 - C. Court ordered blood samples will be drawn Monday through Friday 0800-1400 hours.
 - D. The representative requesting the blood sample must appear at the jail and must have a valid copy of the court order.
 - E. All blood samples obtained pursuant to the court order will be provided to the representative. The medical staff and Sheriff's Office will not retain, store, or transport court ordered blood samples.

F. USE OF FORCE:

1. Physical force will not be used to force an inmate who refuses to submit a blood sample.
2. If an inmate refuses to comply with the court order, the representative's responsibility to advise the court of the inmate's refusal.
3. It is probable the court will order that the inmate be transported to Highland Hospital to submit a blood sample. At the court's discretion, the issue of reasonable force may be included within the new court order.
4. The DA's representative is responsible for scheduling the appointment at Highland Hospital. He/she must also advise the Sheriff's Office, 24 hours in advance of the impending hospital appointment and possible refusal. The DA's Office is also responsible for notifying Clinic Transportation, 24 hours in advance of the appointment. The number for Clinic Transportation is (510) 437-4977 and the fax number is (510) 437-4976.
5. The representative requesting the blood sample must appear at Highland Hospital for the appointment and have possession of a valid copy of the court order.