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MEMO TO: Emergency Room Supervisors & Personnel
FROM: Margaret A. Pearson, State Toxicologist
DATE: July 30, 2002
REGARDING: The Use of Safety Needles in Blood Draws for Blood Alcohol Collection Kits

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret A. Pearson".

We have had several calls at our office concerning the use of safety needles for blood draws. Keep in mind that you may use safety needles and supplies from your existing supplies providing the needles are sterile. If you choose to use a safety needle from your supplies in a blood draw, you must enter this information in the "Remarks" area on the Blood Submission Form (104).

We are currently obtaining bids to include safety needles in our upcoming kit production. The new kits will contain the safety needles.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.