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I, Charles E. Eder, do hereby certify that I am a duly-appointed State Toxicologist for the State of North Dakota and an official custodian of the records and files of the office thereof, that I have carefully compared the			
MEMO TO EMERGENCY ROOM SUPERVISORS AND PERSONNEL (SEPTEMBER 29, 2011)			
hereto attached with the respective original as the same appears of record on file in the Office of Attorney General, Crime Laboratory Division, in the County of Burleigh, North Dakota, and find the same to be a true and correct copy thereof and of the whole thereof. In witness whereof I have set my hand at the city of Bismarck, in said county this:			
21 day of SEPTEMB	SER, 2011		
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On this <u>29</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2011</u>, before me personally appeared Charles E. Eder, known to me to be the State Toxicologist for the State of North Dakota, and

STACIE L. FLECK-MERKEL **Notary Public** 

State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Aug. 16, 2017

Notary seal/stamp

Charles E. Eder, State Toxicologist

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acknowledged to me that he has executed the same.

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this:

Notary Public, State of North Dakota My Commission Expires August 16, 2017

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**MEMO TO:** 

Emergency Room Supervisors & Personnel

FROM:

Charles E. Eder, State Toxicologist

DATE:

September 29, 2011

**REGARDING:** 

Blood Alcohol Collection Kits

Since the inception of this office in 1961, the State Toxicology Laboratory has been supplying the blood collection kits used for alcohol testing. The present blood collection kits contain most of the components needed for withdrawing blood. On occasion, you may need to use a substitute for an item in the kit. If a substitute component is used, that information should be documented on the Submission for Blood (104) found inside the kit boxes. Listed below are the kit components and their acceptable alternatives:

## **KIT COMPONENTS**

## **ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES**

1)	Submission for Blood (104)	From another kit of the same Kit Lot No.
2)	Vacutainer or blood tube	From another kit of the same Kit Lot No.
3)	Needle	From your supplies (any sterile needle and/or syringe)
4)	Disinfectant*	From another kit of the same Kit Lot No. or germicidal
		soap, water, or hydrogen peroxide
5)	Guide (vacutainer or blood tube holder)	From your supplies
6)	Specimen label	From your supplies or another kit
7)	Absorbent pad	From your supplies or another kit
8)	Plastic bag	From your supplies or another kit
9)	Return address label or shipping seal	From your supplies or another kit

These kits are assembled and sealed by an approved supplier and distributed by the Office of Attorney General, Crime Laboratory Division. An expiration date is marked on the kits. Do not use the kit after this date. Using the kit after its expiration date will not affect the alcohol test, but it could result in insufficient blood being collected. Please note that either the specimen collector and/or specimen submitter should verify that the kit was intact before use and make checks appropriately on the Submission for Blood (104).

A blood sample obtained according to the instructions listed on the form and utilizing a blood collection kit supplied by the Lab will be considered properly obtained.

This memorandum supersedes the memoranda of July 2, 1992, March 29, 1993, May 2, 1994, September 27, 1999, September 1, 2000, June 15, 2003, January 2, 2004 and December 10, 2010.

\*Disinfectant products containing 0.02 percent or less ethyl alcohol will be considered non-alcoholic for this purpose.