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I, Margaret A. Pearson, 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 (DECEMBER 10, 2010)

hereto attached with the respective original as the same appears of record on file in the Office of the 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:

10 day of December, 2010

Margaret A. Pearson
Margaret A. Pearson, State Toxicologist

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On this 10 day of December, 2010, before me personally appeared Margaret A. Pearson, known to me to be the State Toxicologist for the State of North Dakota, and acknowledged to me that he/she has executed the same.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this:

10 day of December, 2010

Cindy Leingang
Cindy Leingang, Notary Public, State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires January 11, 2011





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MEMO TO: Emergency Room Supervisors & Personnel
FROM: Margaret A. Pearson, State Toxicologist
DATE: December 10, 2010
REGARDING: Blood Alcohol Collection Kits

Margaret A. Pearson

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

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| 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, and January 2, 2004.

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