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From the Greek words "phlebo" meaning "pertaining to a blood vessel," and "tomy," meaning "to make an incision" is the process of making an incision in a vein with a needle. The procedure itself is known as a venipuncture. A person who performs phlebotomy has the title "Phlebotomist," although doctors, nurses, medical laboratory scientists and others do portions of phlebotomy procedures in many countries.

PHLEBOTOMISTS

Phlebotomists are people trained to draw blood from a patient for clinical or medical testing, transfusions, donations, or research. Phlebotomists collect blood primarily by performing venipunctures, but the collection of minute quantities of blood (fingersticks). Blood may be collected from infants by means of a heel stick. The duties of a phlebotomist may include properly identifying the patient, interpreting the tests requested on the requisition, drawing blood into the correct tubes with the proper additives, accurately labeling the procedure to the patients, preparing patients accordingly practicing the required forms of asepsis, practicing standard and universal precautions, performing the skin/vein puncture, withdrawing blood into containers or tubes, reducing hematocrit of the puncture site, instructing patients on post-puncture care, ordering tests per the doctor's requisition, affixing tubes with electronically printed labels, and delivering specimens to a laboratory.

Some countries and districts/states require phlebotomy personnel to be licensed or registered.

WHAT IS PHLEBOTOMY?

The potential student interested in phlebotomy training should immediately

recognize the importance and extreme level of responsibility that is involved within the profession they chose. The most important aspect of this profession lies within the skill involved with selecting the proper vein, the insertion of the needle, as well as the blood recovery in itself.

Individuals that complete training and receive their certification enter into the world of the medical field known as "phlebotomist". Phlebotomist are in charge of drawing blood from patients using methods such as venipuncture.

The techniques of venipuncture consist of the phlebotomist locating the correct vein vein in which to administer the proper needle for blood recovery. Once the vein has been chosen, they shall insert the needle at an angle and draw the needed amount for testing.

These individuals will have been trained to recover blood from patients in many ways, including the special needs of patients such as infants and the elderly that might have much more delicate and/or outpocket veins than that of other patients.

The phlebotomist will work in hospital, doctor's offices, nursing homes, and many other clinical-type settings. Virtually anywhere in which medical treatment is performed, you will find a phlebotomist.

Whenever a patient is ill, the amount to that illness, as well as the possible treatment to be used and even the cure itself can many times be found within the walls of the person's blood. It is because of this that the field of phlebotomy is an important as it is rewarding. Imagine the feeling that comes with knowing that the discovery of the illness, the treatment and possibly the cure is a direct result of the study of the patient's blood that you yourself were responsible for collecting.



Phlebotomy is Highly Competitive:

Whether it be in a hospital, school, a local doctor's office or even in a nursing home you will find several doctors, plenty of nurses, yet only at most, a couple of phlebotomists. This creates an ever growing competitiveness within the particular facility, though not as much within the industry itself.

Truth is there are more and more health care facilities being opened. Due mostly to the high number of private practice doctors and nurse practitioners that open their own offices. That has helped to open the market for professionals such as phlebotomist.

There was a time, not so many years ago, that when one drove into the parking lot of their local emergency room, doctor's office or medical clinic, it was relatively easy to see the many different vehicles belonging to the facility's staff and pick out which ones belonged to the support staff and which "heavy cars and vans" belonged to the doctors and surgeons that worked there.

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