

# PHLEBOTOMY



## Blood Work

### ENTERING THE PROFESSION...

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# PHLEBOTOMY

- Derived from the Greek words  
**phleb/o = vein**  
  
**tomy = cutting into**
- The incision of a vein for blood letting,  
blood collection.

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# PHLEBOTOMIST

- phleb/o = vein**
- tome = cutting into**
- ist = one who specializes**

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**Who are the health care workers performing phlebotomy?**

- Phlebotomists
- Laboratorians
- Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Medical Assistants
- Physicians



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**In addition to venous blood, what other types of specimens might the phlebotomist collect or handle?**

- capillary blood
- arterial blood
- urine
- sputum
- tissue
- stool

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**What is the primary function of the phlebotomist?**

- Assist the health care team in the...
  - accurate,
  - safe,
  - reliable collection,
  - transportation,
  - ...of specimens for analysis

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**In addition to specimen collection, what other responsibilities might the phlebotomist have?**

Clerical



Clinical



Administrative



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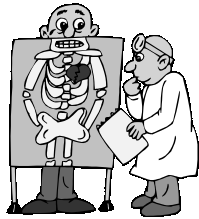
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**What are 3 important purposes of specimen analysis?**

1. Diagnostic testing

2. Therapeutic assessments

3. Monitoring of health status



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### **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES**

• High school diploma or equivalence

• Successful completion of approved training program

• Certification



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**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- The American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP)
- The National Phlebotomy Association (NPA)
- The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists (ASCLS)
- The National Certifying Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel (NCA)
- American Medical Technologists (AMT)
- American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT)

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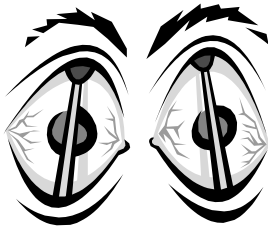
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**WAKE-UP!!**



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