



# McLean County Area EMS System

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** ILS/ALS Agencies

**From:** Dylan Ferguson, Paramedic, B.S., L.I.  
Director

**Date:** 07/01/2016

**Subject:** Lab Draws

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We have received notification that effective **07/15/2016**, Advocate Bromenn Medical Center will no longer utilize pre-hospital blood for testing. As a result, ILS/ALS **providers should no longer routinely draw labs on patients being transported to Advocate Bromenn Medical Center.**

**The only exception to this policy is with a declared STEMI or Stroke Alert/Positive FAST. In these situations, ABMC will continue to use EMS lab samples.**

This change was necessary as a result of patient safety goals and internal quality controls in place at ABMC, and should not be taken as a statement that EMS was not performing duties appropriately.

OSF St. Joseph Medical Center **has made it clear that they will continue to utilize EMS pre-hospital blood for lab testing in all patients.**

The system strives to avoid differences between system hospitals. Unfortunately, in this instance it was unavoidable. We appreciate your assistance and understanding as we work through this transition.