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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 339 series of 1978

**AMENDING SECTION 13, SUBSECTION (c) and (d) AND SECTION 14, SUBSECTION (b) OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 156 SERIES OF 1971 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR A BLOOD BANK AND/OR BLOOD PROCESSING LABORATORY AS AMENDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 144-32 SERIES OF 1973.**

SECTION 1 - Section 13, Subsections (c) and (d) of Administrative Order No. 156, series 1971 as amended by Administrative Order No. 144-32, series of 1973, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 13 - Requirements for a Blood Bank and/or Blood Processing Laboratory.

(c) Equipment

(1) For preliminary testing of donors:

- (a) Blood pressure apparatus
- (b) Stethoscope
- (c) Weight scale
- (d) Autoclave - if glass syringes and lancets are resterilized
- (e) Disposable syringes, needles and lancets enough for a week's use at all times
- (f) Photoelectric colorimeter or hematocrit centrifuge with reader
- (g) At least 18 pcs. of 20 ul. or 0.02 ml. glass pipettes and no less than 50 pcs. for those blood banks with outlets; at least a dozen 5 ml. serological pipettes and no less than a hundred appropriately-size tubes if hemoglobin is to be determined, or enough disposable heparinized capillary tubes for a week's use at all times if PCV is to be determined; miscellaneous glasswares, slides, log papers, etc.
- (h) Clinical thermometer

(d) Reagents

(5) Drabkin's solution and controls if hemoglobin is to be determined."

SECTION 2 - Section 14, Subsection (b) of Administrative Order No. 156, series 1971, as amended

by Administrative Order No. 144-32, series of 1973, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 14 - Minimum Requirements for the Collection, Processing and Disposal of Citrated Whole Blood (Human)

(b) Other requirements of donors

(3) Hemoglobin level must not be less than 12 gm/100 ml. (Cyanmethemoglobin method) or a hematocrit of 36 vol.%."

SECTION 3 - These amendments shall take effect 60 days upon approval and publication in the official gazette.

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