TENNESSEE MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING BLOOD VOLUME DETECTION USING TAGGED ALBUMIN

It is the position of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board that the tagged albumin method of testing blood volume is <u>not</u> subject to the purview and licensure oversight of this Board because it does not fall within the scope of practice for laboratory medicine.

For the purposes of this position statement, the tagged albumin method of testing blood volume utilizes radioactive materials injected into the body so that radiotopic measurements can be made to determine blood volume. The Medical Laboratory Board believes that to be a nuclear medicine technique.

Adopted this the 9th day of October, 2008 by the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board.