Occupational Risks
Phlebotomists work directly with patients, with the goal of providing healthcare and ensuring patient
safety. It is a position with a great deal of responsibility.
As with any healthcare position, there are certain occupational risks that come into play with being a
Phlebotomist, and those hazards, include, but are not limited to: x Exposure to Infectious Diseases x Sharps Injuries x Bloodborne Pathogens and Biological Hazards x Chemical and Drug Exposure x Latex Allergies x Stress
There are protections set up with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and those protections
are particularly important within a healthcare environment. OSHA has a series of standards that protect
the safety of healthcare workers and patients.