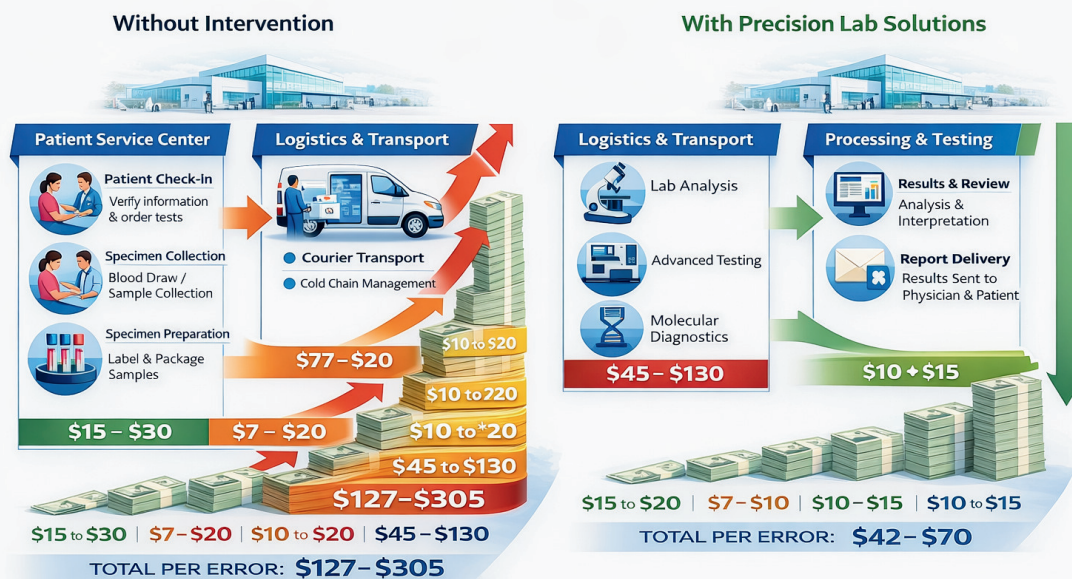


The Hidden Cost of Specimen Redraws

In diagnostic laboratory operations, specimen redraws are often viewed as a routine inconvenience. However, beneath the surface lies a significant and often underappreciated financial and operational burden.



The True Cost Goes Beyond Supplies



Operational Disruption

Redraws introduce inefficiencies across the system:

- Increased patient wait times
- Reduced throughput at Patient Service Centers
- Workflow interruptions in laboratory operations

These disruptions compound quickly in high-volume environments.

Resource Utilization

A redraw is not simply the cost of a second tube or needle. It triggers a cascade of additional expenses:

- Staff time for recollection
- Administrative rescheduling
- Courier and transport duplication
- Laboratory processing delays

When fully burdened, the cost of a single redraw can exceed \$100-\$300 per occurrence.

Patient Experience Impact

From the patient's perspective, redraws create:

- Frustration and inconvenience
- Loss of confidence in care quality
- Potential delays in diagnosis and treatment

In a competitive healthcare environment, patient experience is a critical differentiator.



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The majority of redraws originate at the point of collection, including:

- Improper venipuncture technique
- Incorrect tube selection
- Labeling errors
- Inadequate specimen volume



Redraws are not just a clinical issue—they are a financial and operational opportunity. Addressing them at the source unlocks measurable value across the entire laboratory network.