

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Parents .....	Screener .....	2400	1	3/60	120
Parents .....	Baseline Survey .....	1000	1	10/60	167
Parents .....	Follow-up Survey .....	1000	1	10/60	167
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	454

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**Proposed Project**

Quantitative Survey of Physician Practices in Laboratory Test Ordering

and Interpretation—NEW—Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (OSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Quantitative Survey of Physician Practices in Laboratory Test Ordering and Interpretation is a national systematic study investigating how the rapid evolution of laboratory medicine is affecting primary care practice. This will be a new collection. The survey will be funded in full by the Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (OSELS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The survey follows focus groups of fewer than ten participants with primary care physicians that identified common concerns and problems with laboratory test ordering and test interpretation. The survey will quantify the prevalence and impact of the issues identified within the focus groups. Understanding the relative importance of physician issues in the effective and efficient use of laboratory medicine in diagnosis will guide future efforts of the CDC to improve primary care practice and improve health outcomes of the American public.

The survey covers basic physician demographic characteristics (year of birth, gender, years in practice,

physician specialty, professional memberships, practice size and practice setting), practice-related questions including number and type of patients seen weekly. The majority of the questions request information about physician decision making processes involved in test ordering and interpretation.

The effective use of laboratory testing is an important component of the diagnostic process within physician practices. The field of laboratory medicine is undergoing rapid change with the continuing introduction of new tests, increased focus on evidence-based medicine, the deployment of Electronic Health Records, and the wide availability to physicians of electronic information resources, interactive diagnostic tools, and computerized order entry systems. To date, no systematic study has been conducted to investigate how physicians are incorporating these laboratory testing innovations into their day-to-day practices. This survey seeks to provide insight into how physicians integrate laboratory medicine into their routines, and how they manage any challenges they encounter.

The survey will be conducted on a national sample of primary care physicians. There are no costs to respondents except their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 373.

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Family Practice Physicians & Internal Medicine Generalists ..	Laboratory Practices .....	1600	1	14/60

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