



Making the Laboratory a Key Partner in Patient Safety

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- Science
- Strategies
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Are Lab Services Important to You?

7 BILLION LAB TESTS

affect 70%
of medical decision-making.



Specialists like you are coming to the
Quality Institute Conference
sponsored by CDC, to

- develop quality indicators*
- create a national report*
- establish a quality institute*

in order to enhance laboratory services.

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Improving Patient Safety and the Quality of Laboratory Services

- Would we benefit from better indicators for the quality of laboratory testing?
- Would we benefit from an annual report on the quality of laboratory testing?
- Would we benefit from an independent Quality Institute to facilitate improvement in laboratory services?

