







CEN and ISO Standards for Pre-analytics

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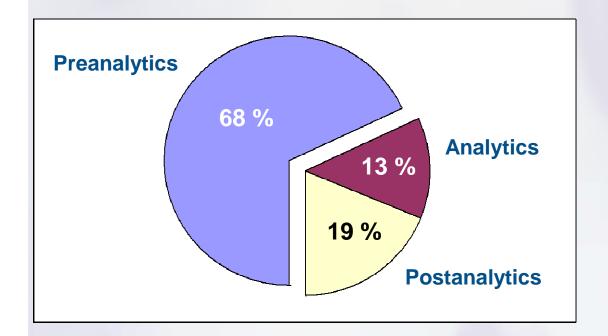
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Pre-Analytical Errors Impacting Diagnostic Results

"Preanalytical errors still account for nearly 60%-70% of all problems occurring in laboratory diagnostics, most of them attributable to mishandling procedures during collection, handling, preparing or storing the specimens".

Lippi G. *et al.*. Preanalytical quality improvement: from dream to reality. Clin Chem Lab Med. 2011 Jul; 49(7):1113-26. Epub 2011 Apr 25.



Costs of ~ 347,000 € / year in an average German hospital caused by pre-analytical errors

Frost & Sullivan 2011 on behalf of BD

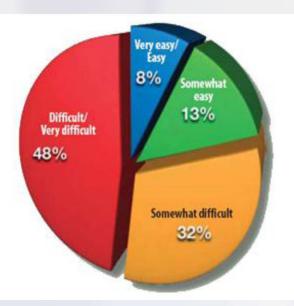


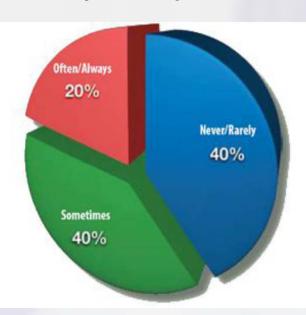
Access to Good Quality Biospecimens A Critical Key Step in Biomedical Research

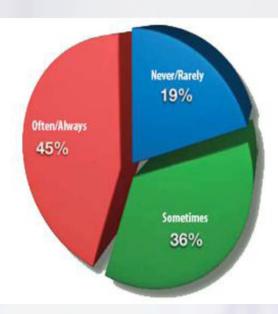
Ease of Acquiring the Quality of Biospecimens

Question Their Data
Because of the
Quality of Biospecimens

Limit Research Scope of Work Due to the Shortage of Quality Biospecimens





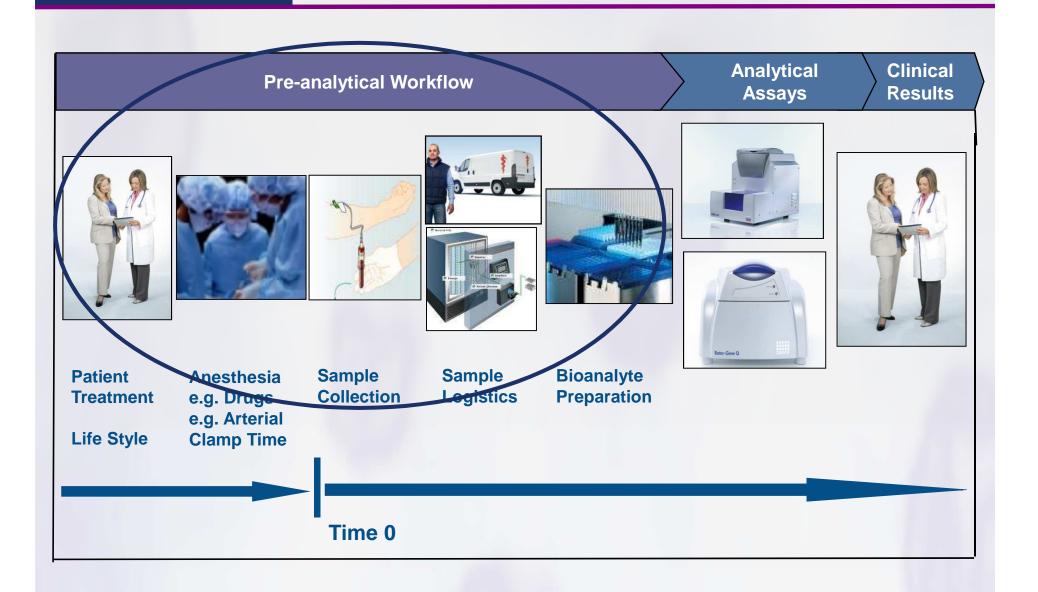


Source: Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research, 2009 http://biospecimens.cancer.gov/cahub/

Keynote Presentation Dr. George Poste - Annual Biospecimen Research Network (BRN) Symposium Bethesda, MD 28 March 2011



Sample-to-Insight WorkflowsFrom Patients' Samples to Clinical Results





Two Major Efforts for Improvements

New technologies for securing high quality samples

International Standards on pre-analytical workflows



CEN - Twofold Role of Standardization





Traditional Role of Standards

- Source of technical know-how
- Trade facilitation and opening of markets
- Providing a scientific basis for legislation in the health, safety and environment sectors

Valued-added role for research and innovation

- Speeding up innovation by providing the requisite knowledge base (technology transfer)
- New ideas, technologies and products need standardization to get into the marketplace and to be successful

Source: Gindele 2013 http://www.iso.org/iso/home/about/conformity-assessment.htm



The Road to Standardization



European Conference. Standards: Your Innovation Bridge. Brussels (2014). SPIDIA Booth.







- 2014: 8 new projects for ISO Standards approved in ISO/TC 212 "Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems"



2015: 9 CEN Technical Specifications to be published

 2013: 9 new projects approved in CEN/TC 140 "In vitro diagnostic medical devices"

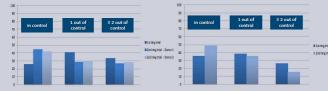
2010: Start of standardization work















Products of European Standardization



European Standard - EN

Goal: Development of normative specifications reflecting the current state of technology

European Technical Specification – CEN/TS



Goal: Specifications which aid market development and growth

European Technical Report – CEN/TR

Goal: Specifications of a recommendatory and explanatory nature

CEN Workshop Agreement – CWA

Goal: Special specifications developed with the rapid consensus of expert stakeholders

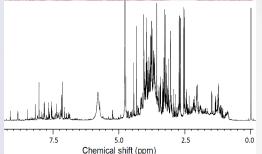


First 9 CEN Technical Specifications









- Pre-analytical phase: covers all steps from the clinicians requests to the beginning of the analytical examination
- Molecular in-vitro diagnostic examinations Specifications for pre-examination processes for
 - o blood Cellular RNA
 - blood Genomic DNA
 - blood Circulating cell free DNA
 - FFPE tissue DNA
 - o FFPE tissue RNA
 - FFPE tissue Proteins
 - frozen tissue RNA
 - frozen tissue Proteins
 - metabolomics in urine, serum and plasma



Pre-analytical Workflow Standardization Across Segments



Biobanks

Source for high quality samples

■ Biomedical & Translational Research

- Academia
- Pharma industry
- Diagnostic Industry

Diagnostics

- High sample quality is the safe way
- Analytical assay might tolerate lower quality or not ⇒ Validation studies



Proposal for the Final Goal

Additional International Projects Needed

The Ice Cube Tray Model

Each cube presents its own set of factors with potential impact on specimen quality or composition

