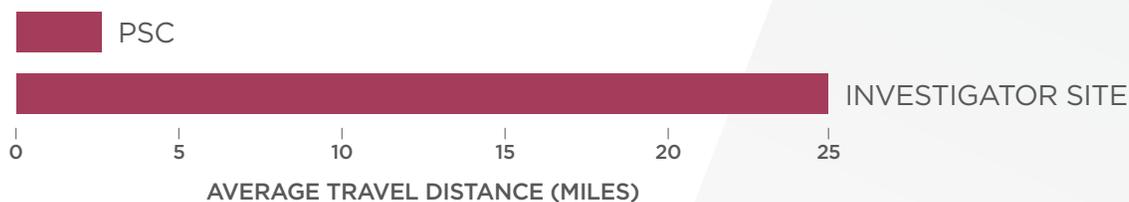


# A SMART ALTERNATIVE FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

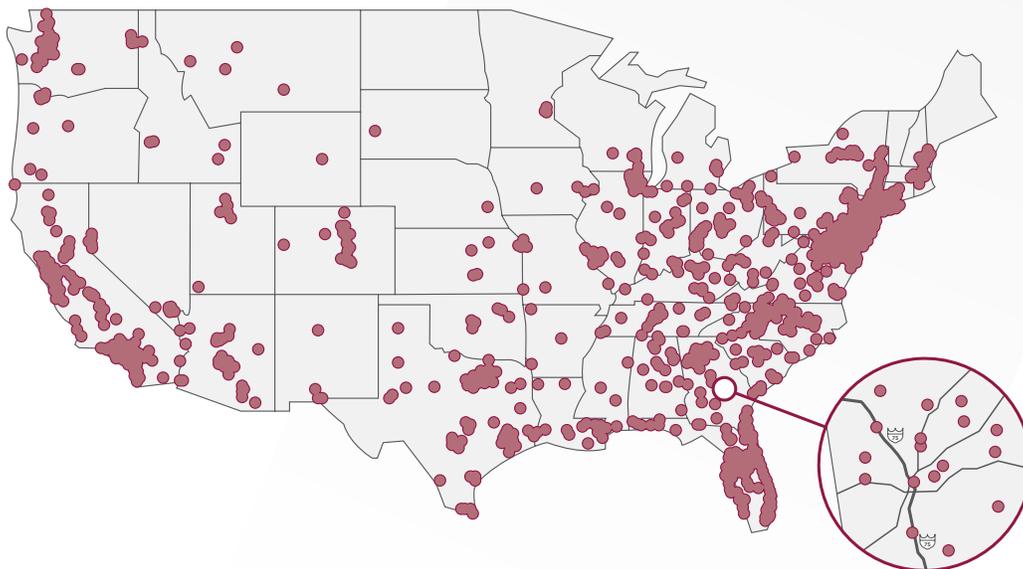
## Patient Service Center Visits

A new model using the LabCorp network of Patient Service Centers (PSCs) for sample collection visits can reduce the amount of patient travel required for participation in your trials, making them more efficient and accessible to potential enrollees.

Based on a recent survey, the average distance a patient has to travel to a clinical trial investigator site is more than 25 miles.\* The burden that this travel to investigator sites places on patients is widely recognized as being a major barrier to patient participation in clinical trials.



Because the PSC network has >1,800 locations across the United States, the survey showed that on average there was a PSC within about 3 miles of the patients' homes and >75% of the patients had at least one PSC within 10 miles.



### Quick Facts About PSC Sample Collection Visits:

- ▶ PSCs support diverse sample collection capabilities, and most can support collection of biometric data
- ▶ Your specimens will be shipped to our central laboratory for testing, delivering results combinable with all other testing in your trial
- ▶ Data reporting and alerts will occur using the same tools and processes as for samples collected at investigator sites, for a seamless experience

\*Based on >600 US trial participants surveyed in 2018 by Covance

## Bring Your Studies to Your Patients with PSC Visits

Statistics show that only 10-20% of trials meet their enrollment timelines, while 86% of clinical trials don't finish on time.\* Reducing patient burden can significantly improve enrollment and retention.

The use of PSC visits as an alternative for trips to investigator sites, appropriate when the visit is only for sample collection without the need for medical evaluation or intervention, reduces the total travel burden and thus makes trials more accessible to patients. This could be a key advantage for your trial in several cases:

- ▶ Extremely ill or immobilized patients for whom travel poses a severe challenge or risk, so that lengthy travel to investigator sites is reserved for those visits that are medically necessary
- ▶ Trials involving widely dispersed populations where many of the visits are for routine sample collection
- ▶ Long-term follow-up of Phase I trial populations after they have left the trial clinic and may even have moved out of the area

## Flexibility for Your Studies. And Your Patients.

Covance solutions can help you engage and enroll enough patients to deliver statistically powerful safety and efficacy data. Even if only a small portion of your trial's visits occur in a local PSC setting, you can expect a favorable change in patient engagement.

As part of this solution, we can work with you, your investigator sites and your patients to ensure the PSC visits in your trial go smoothly. This includes visit scheduling at the PSC closest to the patient's home or work via our call center, supplying requisition packets to the patient and even working with sponsor-chosen vendors. All of these factors improve patient communication and engagement, aiding protocol adherence.

## Uniform Testing. Exceptional Consistency. Combinable Data.

Covance and LabCorp have established processes to ensure that results from visits using PSC sample collection and those from traditional investigator site visits will be fully combinable.

We provide globally unified Standard Operating Procedures, reagents and instrumentation. No matter where the specimens are collected, they are processed and tested in our Indianapolis central laboratory or sent out for external specialty testing using the same rigorous, trusted processes that deliver data that stands up to regulatory scrutiny. The results are uniformly reported to sponsors and sites regardless of collection methodology. And since investigators are not responsible for managing collections at our PSCs, sites will benefit from reduced time spent on administrative tasks and greater time spent caring for patients.

\*Based on Centerwatch Surveys (2012), NIH Report (2013), and ClinicalLeader.com

Learn more about how PSC visits are more convenient for your patients and require less investigator time for routine collection visits at [www.covance.com/psc](http://www.covance.com/psc)

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