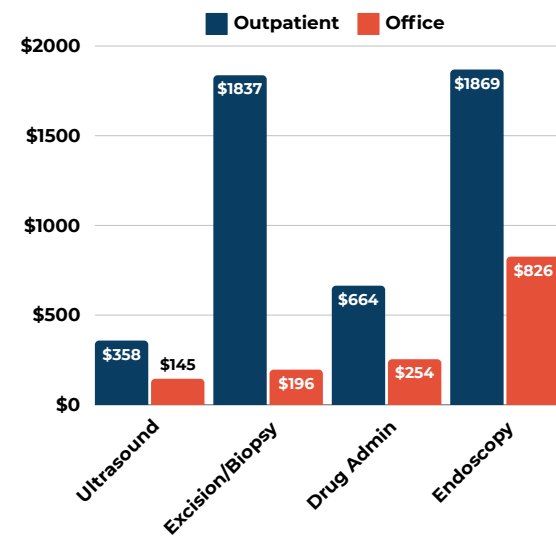


# PRICES ARE DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHERE PEOPLE GET THEIR CARE

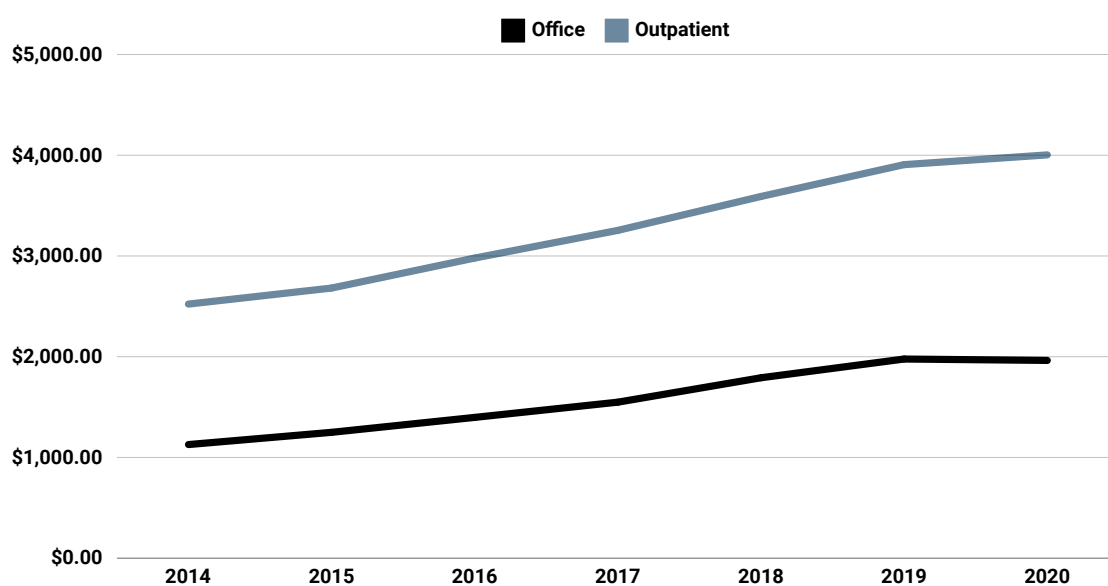
## Same Service, Different Site, Higher Price

Where people receive health care matters, especially in terms of costs. The same service may have a much higher price tag when performed in an outpatient setting rather than an office setting. HCCI has previously explored **46** of those services, and our research has shown that outpatient services cost patients and insurers substantially more than the same services provided in a physician's office.

Sample of Average Price for Selected Services in Outpatient Departments vs. Offices, 2017



Average per Person Price on Chemotherapy by Setting, 2014-2020



## Chemotherapy Services are More Expensive in Outpatient Department

In 2020, the average price for outpatient-based chemotherapy was approximately **\$4,000**. Chemotherapy in a physician's office had an average price just above **\$1,900**. Between 2014 and 2020, more chemotherapy services were provided in outpatient departments. Together, this meant that per person spending on chemotherapy rose for all patients receiving chemotherapy, but grew faster for people receiving care in outpatient settings than in a physician's office. By 2020, average per person spending on outpatient-based chemotherapy was **\$17,493** compared to **\$6,775** for office-based chemotherapy.

## Prices of Lab Tests in Hospital Outpatient Departments more than 3x Other Settings

Clinical lab tests performed in hospital outpatient departments have prices **three to five times** higher than those in a physician's office or independent laboratory. Analysis of most non-emergency clinical lab tests is identical regardless of factors such as where the test is performed or patient risk, yet the price of the test varies by setting. For example, the median price of a lipid panel in a hospital outpatient department was **\$35.33** compared to **\$9.73** in an independent laboratory.

Median Price Per Lab Test by Setting, 2022

