



## DID YOU KNOW?

### **PREOPERATIVE TESTING DOESN'T IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR LOW-RISK SURGERIES**

*Yet 58% of these patients still undergo preoperative testing*

In fact, testing that isn't indicated may cause *harm* through:



#### **Cascade Effect**

Unindicated preoperative labs and tests may yield slightly abnormal but clinically insignificant results, leading to even more unnecessary testing and patient stress.



#### **Delayed Medical Treatment**

False alarms can cause delays in surgical procedures that result in additional patient injury or discomfort.



#### **Costly Waste**

Lab tests may add to the patient's financial burden, and the Institute of Medicine estimates at least \$210 billion spent on unnecessary medical testing and care in the U.S. each year.



Stand with the evidence and **#WaiveTheWorkup**