

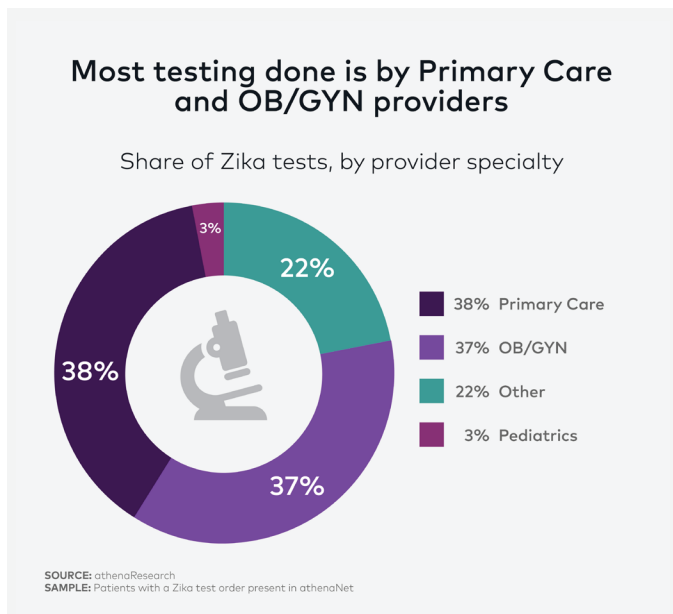


# Data reveals which specialties ordering Zika tests

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The number of Zika tests administered in the United States has tripled over the last three weeks, according to data from the athenahealth network.

We already know who is getting Zika tests, broken down by age and gender, but now the data can be sliced by speciality.



Of the tests ordered on the athenahealth network, 75 percent of all tests come from OB/GYN and primary care physicians; internal medicine and pediatrics accounts for just 6 percent.

"It's helpful to know that OB/GYNs, primary care physicians, and a range of other specialists are all involved in diagnosing and treating Zika," says Josh Gray, vice president of athenaResearch. "We are currently seeing a dramatic increase in orders for Zika tests nationwide, so it will be interesting to see whether the current specialty mix shifts over time."

To date, athenahealth has identified more than 1,800 patients at risk, and being treating by 94 providers in Florida. Because 1,400 of the women and men age 45 and younger at risk were Borinquen Health Care of Miami Dade patients, athenahealth has partnered with the organization to coordinate patient outreach and encourage Zika screenings.

"This is what we call 'network medicine,'" says Brian Anderson, M.D., senior manager of clinical effectiveness at athenahealth. "Activating the latest, most evidence-based clinical guidelines to deliver them rapidly to our clients."

In the coming weeks, athenaInsight will continue to track the volume of ordered tests, who is getting them, and where. Our research team will also be estimating the percentage of all pregnant women for whom obstetricians are ordering tests.

*For ongoing tracking of Zika tests, check in on [athenaInsight.com](http://athenaInsight.com), or follow us on [Twitter@athena\\_insight](https://twitter.com/athena_insight).*



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