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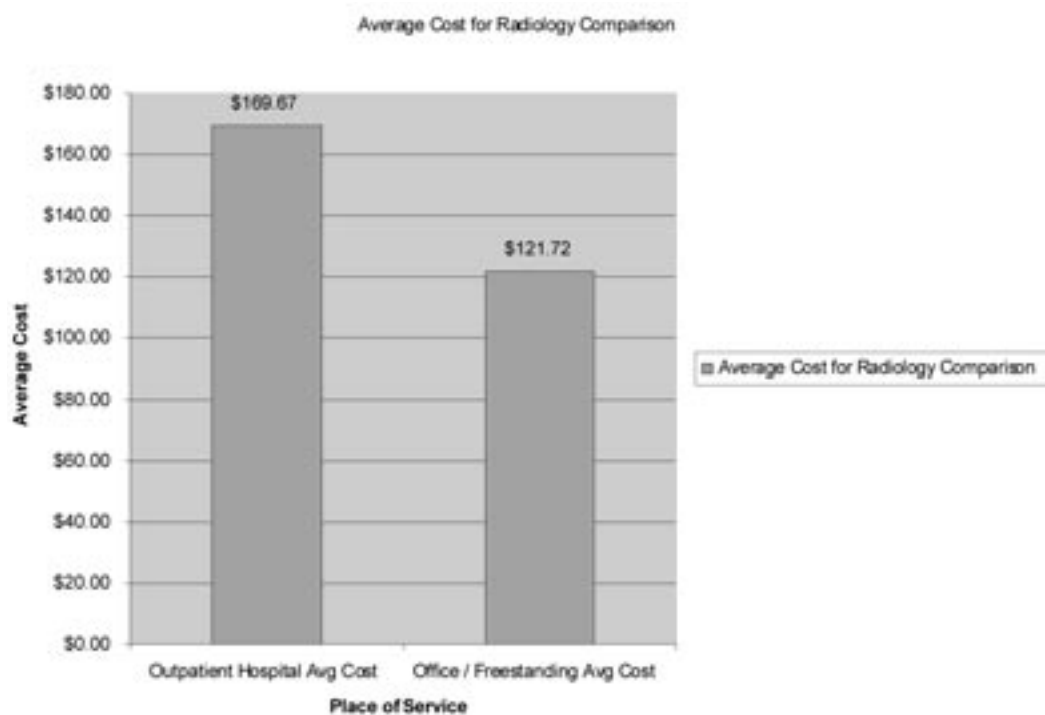
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Imaging Costs

Over the past few months we have been providing you with information regarding our efforts in addressing imaging cost and frequency, through this newsletter. We thought it might be helpful to provide you with a depiction in graph form of the radiology cost differences in our geographic region. The graph compares the average cost of all imaging services combined, both technical and professional together, for the time period January through December 2002.



Dental Prescriptions

We have begun hearing more and more from primary care physicians regarding requests by their patients to rewrite prescriptions for analgesics and antibiotics originally written by their dentist or oral surgeon. Rewriting a script written by a dentist for the purpose of financial coverage for a dental procedure is considered fraudulent. This also can be a dangerous way to practice, as you could be liable for any complications that arose, although you were not participating in the care of the patient. Prescriptions written in association with dental conditions are not part of healthcare coverage. The exception is antibiotic prophylaxis for comorbid medical conditions (endocarditis prophylaxis).

