



Diagnostics Redefined

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The diagnostics sector is shaped by technological, economic and geopolitical forces like almost no other part of healthcare. After years of steady growth, the industry is entering a phase of structural realignment: rising regulatory demands, fragmented reimbursement systems, volatile supply chains and new competitors from local markets and the tech sector are challenging established models. At the same time, pressure is increasing to balance innovation with economic viability. As governments and payers now demand hard evidence, diagnostic procedures must clearly demonstrate their clinical and economic value. Digitalization and artificial intelligence (AI) are reshaping the industry from the ground up. Automated laboratory analyses, scientifically validated algorithms and AI-supported decision platforms are opening new opportunities, but they are also creating new dependencies on data quality, infrastructure and regulation. The year 2026 marks a turning point, with the industry moving between disruption and differentiation, and between technological momentum and structural pressure to adapt.

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