

NHAMCS AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER PILOT TEST – AUGUST 2008

DRAFT ASC RESPONDENT DEBRIEFING

INTRODUCTION- For the 2009 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), we are working to expand the sample to include ambulatory surgery centers (ASC). In order to evaluate whether all forms were correctly modified to include ASCs, a pilot test was developed to utilize the forms in pre-production. This expansion is the largest change in the NHAMCS since the survey began in 1992; thus testing these materials is vital to the continued success of the survey.

This evaluation asks some specific questions about the forms, as well as some general questions about your experiences with it. Because the patient record forms may have been completed by the field representative, we realize your involvement may have been limited. However, in our effort to make these forms as useful as possible, we would like your feedback on them.

Please include any comments you feel would help in improving the forms. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. If any items on the forms are unclear to you, they are probably unclear to others as well. By telling us about any problems, we can work to improve the format for you and other participants. Therefore, the more you can tell us about your experiences with the forms, the better.

Your responses are greatly appreciated!

NHAMCS-101 Hospital Induction

1. How much difficulty did you have in estimating the number of visits for a 4 week period?
2. How difficult was it to answer the question series regarding electronic medical records in your hospital?
3. In general, will a hospital administrator be able to answer all the questions or will multiple contacts be needed?
 - a. If multiple contacts are needed, who are the best sources of information for the topics addressed?

NHAMCS-100(ASC) Patient Record Data Collection In ASC

1. If you abstracted the data yourself, how many minutes would you say it took to complete each patient record form?
2. Did you have any difficulty finding the information asked for on the patient record form, in the medical records?

3. Were there any other terms used in the form which were unfamiliar or which require additional clarification?
4. Were there any other questions that you had difficulty with?

Other Comments

1. Are there any suggestions you would like to make to improve any of the questions or format of the form?
2. What in your opinion will be the greatest challenges collecting information on patient visits in an ambulatory surgery center?
 - a. What advice do you have for meeting these challenges?
3. Do you have any additional questions or comments?