


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Dear Emergency Department Director:

I am writing to urge you to participate in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. This survey is part of an ongoing project sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics to gather data about medical care provided in outpatient and emergency facilities. The information gathered is used by medical educators, researchers, policy makers and health administrators to assess health needs and resources, and for planning and organizing health services.

The American College of Emergency Physicians has long recognized the need for national data describing emergency department visits and has supported the development of this survey. Data from the most recent survey clearly shows the rise in the number of visits to emergency departments (EDs) across the country while the number of hospital EDs has declined.

As EDs experience increasing demands on their resources, this survey will provide vital data for researchers, planners, and decision makers addressing these critical issues facing emergency medicine. I urge you to complete this survey.

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Suter, DO, MHA, FACEP  
President

Dear Emergency Department Director:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, which is part of an ongoing project to fill an information gap in our specialized area of health care. There is a vital need for a national database pertaining to ambulatory/emergency settings.

The Emergency Nurses Association and the 27,000 Emergency Nurses it represents are pleased to support and encourage this effort. The data gathered will give direct care providers, managers, educators, researchers, administrators, and strategists an additional tool to better understand the provision of emergency care in outpatient departments and emergency care centers.

Please take a moment of your time and assist the National Center for Health Statistics to collect this information by completing this survey. Your contribution will become part of a database, which will be vital to future efforts in our area of health care.

Sincerely,



Patricia Kunz Howard  
2005 ENA President



# Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

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August 22, 2005

Dear Emergency Department Director:

We urge you to support the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, which is an ongoing project sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to gather data about outpatient and emergency department visits.

The mission of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine is to improve patient care by advancing research and education in emergency medicine. The information collected in the surveys is valuable for emergency care providers, researchers, educators, and administrators to address issues facing emergency medicine. On behalf of the more than 5,000 members SAEM represents, the Board of Directors urges you to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Glenn C. Hamilton, MD, MSM  
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March 22, 2005

Dear Hospital Administrator:


I urge you to support the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), an ongoing project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to gather data about outpatient department (OPD) and emergency department (ED) visits. The survey is a valuable tool that can be utilized by physicians, researchers, educators, and administrators to address health care issues facing our communities.

NHAMCS data can be used to

- monitor trends in health care related to injuries and preventable diseases (such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity)
- examine health disparities for all ethnic and racial groups (such as ED and OPD visit rates)
- study problems within our health care system (such as ED crowding and the use of the ED as a "safety net" for the uninsured)
- track national public health objectives (such as reducing the number of antibiotics prescribed for the common cold)
- examine prescribing practices (such as analgesic use in the ED)

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

Sincerely,

  
Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.  
VADM, USPHS  
United States Surgeon General

Dear Directors of Emergency Medicine Departments:

The ACOEP is writing to urge you to participate in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey that you will be receiving in the next few months. This survey is an important part of an ongoing project of the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and complements the current National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey of office based ambulatory to provide information on more than 95% of all ambulatory care encounters.

The information gathered by this survey is utilized by medical professionals to assess the health care needs and resources in their areas and provides them with information to plan and organize health care service needs for the next three years. Data from the 2002 survey has assisted many emergency medicine physicians, hospital administrators, researchers and health policy professionals to verify the increase in the number of emergency department visits across America and to project the Country's increasing needs for emergency medicine professionals.

As we face increasing demands on our hospital and physician resources, this important tool will provide needed statistics for hospital administration, researchers and health policy professionals to address areas of critical needs in their emergency medicine departments.

We encourage your support and participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paula DeJesus D.O.'.

Paula DeJesus, D.O., FACOEP  
President