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Endorsing Letters

July 31, 2008

Dear Colleague:

The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care 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 departments and emergency facilities. The 2009 NHAMCS will also collect data from hospital-based ambulatory surgery centers. 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 Academy of Ophthalmology has long recognized the need for national data describing ambulatory surgery center visits and encourages you to participate in the survey. Data from the most recent survey on ambulatory surgery clearly shows the dramatic rise in the number of visits to ambulatory surgery centers across the country from 1996 to 2006 while the number of inpatients discharged from hospitals remained largely unchanged.

As ACSs experience increasing demands on their resources, this survey will provide vital data for researchers, planners, and decision makers addressing these critical issues facing ophthalmology.

By participating in the NHAMCS, you will enhance the response rate and improve the quality of the data from the survey.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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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.

Yours truly,



Linda L. Lawrence, MD, FACEP
President

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Dear Directors of Emergency Medicine:

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

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Peter A. Bell, D.O., FACOEP
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Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS
Executive Director

August 5, 2008

Dear Colleague:

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 departments and emergency facilities. The 2009 NHAMCS will also collect data from hospital-based ambulatory surgery centers. 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 Surgeons has long recognized the need for national data describing ambulatory surgery center visits and has supported the development of this survey. Data from the most recent survey on ambulatory surgery clearly shows the dramatic rise in the number of visits to ambulatory surgery centers across the country from 1996 to 2006 while the number of inpatients discharged from hospitals remained largely unchanged.

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

Respectfully,

Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS

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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 more than 34,500 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,

Denise King, RN, MS, CEN
2008 President

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July 29, 2008

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 survey is valuable for emergency care providers, researchers, educators, and administrators to address issues facing emergency medicine. On behalf of the more than 6,000 members SAEM represents, the Board of Directors urges you to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

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Katherine L. Heilpern, MD
President

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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 departments and emergency facilities. The 2009 NHAMCS will also collect data from hospital-based ambulatory surgery centers. 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.

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

Warm Regards,



Tong J. Gan, M.D.
President



September 24, 2008

Dear Colleague,

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 departments and emergency facilities. The 2009 NHAMCS will also collect data from hospital-based ambulatory surgery centers. 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.

AHIMA has long recognized the need for national data describing ambulatory surgery center visits and has supported the development of this survey. Data from the most recent survey on ambulatory surgery clearly shows the dramatic rise in the number of visits to ambulatory surgery centers across the country from 1996 to 2006 while the number of inpatients discharged from hospitals remained largely unchanged.

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

Sincerely,

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Linda L. Kloss, RHIA, CAE, FAHIMA
Chief Executive Officer



Charles N. Kahn III
President

Dear Hospital Administrator:

The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) is the nation's foremost study of ambulatory medical care in hospital emergency and outpatient departments and has been conducted annually since 1992. This survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics, gathers data about care provided in outpatient and emergency facilities. Such data is an invaluable resource for policymakers, researchers, health administrators and others in assessing health needs and resources. For example, the survey allows researchers to gauge the annual rate of hospital outpatient department visits by patient age and race and ethnicity and the percentage of visits made by children under 18 years to hospital outpatient departments and physician offices with Medicaid or the state Children's Health Insurance Program as primary expected source of payment.

The Federation of American Hospitals supports this ongoing survey. As the number of outpatient surgical procedures continues to increase, the survey results will provide to policymakers, hospital administration and others vital data about how care is delivered in the United States and in our hospitals. By participating in the NHAMCS, you will be able to contribute to the nation's premier source of hospital-based ambulatory care. Therefore, I encourage you to take the time to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

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