

Attachment 2 – Invitational letter



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Dear [Fill]:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics will be conducting a study on the National Medical Ambulatory Care Survey and the National Electronic Health Records Survey. The survey is designed to enable an accurate understanding of the types of medical organizations in which physicians work, the patients cared for, daily activities of physicians (including clinical and nonclinical time), and emerging issues affecting physician practices, with the ultimate goal of informing future policy.

I hope you will be willing to help us with some preliminary research to improve the survey before it is fielded. If you are willing to participate in a one-hour, in-person interview, you will receive \$100 as a token of our appreciation. Participation is, of course, voluntary, and you may refuse to answer any question or may stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. All of the information you provide will be kept confidential.¹

Someone from the National Center for Health Statistics' Questionnaire Design Research Laboratory will call to ask if you are willing to participate in a research interview. However, if you would like to schedule an interview or if you have any questions about this research, please call Lauren Creamer at 301-458-4674. If you have any questions about your rights as a respondent in this research study, please call the Research Ethics Review Board at the National Center for Health Statistics toll-free at 1-800-223-8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about Protocol #[INSERT # after ERB approval]. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your interest and your help, and do look forward to working with you on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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¹ This study is authorized by Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (Title 42, U.S. Code 242k). All information collected as part of this study will be used for statistical purposes only and held in the strictest confidence according to Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42, U.S. Code 242m(d)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (Title 5 of PL 107-347).