

ATTACHMENT G:

Endorsement letters



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. NHAMCS data included in "Health, United States, 2012: With Special Feature on Emergency Care" clearly shows that "Although the percentage of Americans visiting the emergency department each year is stable, the total number of visits to emergency departments increased 34% between 1995 and 2010 (from 97 million to 130 million visits) ...At the same time, the supply of emergency departments has declined by about 11% to 3,700 emergency departments in 2010." The current report based on NHAMCS data with a feature on emergency care can be found at the following link: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hs/hs12.pdf>

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew E. Sama".

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August, 2014

Dear Directors of Emergency Medicine Departments:

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians is contacting you to encourage 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 the ongoing project of the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and complements the current National Ambulatory Care Survey of office-based ambulatory care providers to provide information on more than 95% of all ambulatory care encounters.

The information gathered from this survey is utilized by medical professional to assess the healthcare needs and resources in their areas and provides them with information to plan and organize healthcare services needs for the next three years. Data from the 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 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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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to encourage your participation in the 2015 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS.) This survey is conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to gather important data about medical care. It focuses on emergency and outpatient department settings for both hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

The information gathered by the survey 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 quality of the data relies on a broad response from all care settings represented.

AHIMA recognizes the need for high quality, national data describing ambulatory patient encounters and supports the NCHS survey. Please take the time to complete your response about the critical issues being faced in the ambulatory environment.

Sincerely,

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August 18, 2014

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 more than 40,000 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 healthcare.

Sincerely,

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August 5, 2014

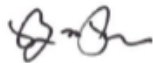
Dear Colleague,

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, emergency facilities and 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.

SAMBA 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 ASCs 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,



Brian M. Parker, M.D.
President



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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August 12, 2014

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Dear Colleague:

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Executive Vice President and CEO

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, emergency facilities, and 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 ASC's 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 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,

David W. Parke II, M.D.
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