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National Hospital Care Survey Presentation

Interview with Hospital Executive and Staff

Once a hospital has been identified and selected for the NHCS, the contractor will send a letter to the point of contact (POC) at the hospital (e.g., the CEO) from Charlie Rothwell, Director, NCHS. A time will be arranged to have a telephone meeting with the POC and other relevant hospital staff. The goal is to begin the actual induction at that time, but it is understood that some hospitals may require an in-person visit to discuss the project further.

This presentation is to talk to hospital staff about participating in the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) and encourage them to participate. Information such as the following will be distributed:

- NHCS folder containing a description of NCHS
- Frequently Asked Questions
- NCHS ERB Approval Letter
- Facility Questionnaire

The contractor presents background information on the three long-standing surveys that are now integrated into NHCS: National Hospital Discharge Survey, National Hospital Ambulatory Care Survey, and the Drug Abuse Warning Network. This presentation explains that these data are publicly available for researchers in federal and state governments, hospitals, academia, and other institutions; the public use files do not allow identification of hospitals or patients; and they are used for public health and to inform health care policy and research.

The contractor will give a description of and describe the purpose of the NHCS. The contractor will describe the data to be collected.

Issues concerning confidentiality will be discussed such as: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the NCHS ERB, and the Public Health Service Act.