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**Endorsement letters**



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August 28, 2017

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 42,000 emergency nurses we represent 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 be vital to future efforts in our area of healthcare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen K. Wiley'.

Karen K. Wiley, MSN, RN, CEN  
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November 1, 2017

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to encourage your participation in the 2018 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela L. Lane". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Pamela L. Lane, MS, RHIA  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
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August 2017

Dear Directors of Emergency Medicine Departments:

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians is contacting you to encourage your participation 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,

John C. Prestosh, D.O., FACOEP-D  
President



November 1, 2017

Dear Emergency Department Director:

I am writing to urge you to participate in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS). 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 will be used by medical educators, researchers, policymakers and health administrators to assess health needs and resources, and to plan and organize 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 from 2014 (the most recent data available) shows that the nation's emergency departments saw more than 141 million patients with 11.1 percent of those patients being admitted to the hospital or observation, 47.5% of the patients admitted through the ED were aged 65 or older and overall there were 45.1 visits per 100 persons in the US.

The Emergency Department Summary Tables for 2014 are available at the following link: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhamcs/web\\_tables/2014\\_ed\\_web\\_tables.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhamcs/web_tables/2014_ed_web_tables.pdf)

More data related to ED visits is available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/web\\_tables.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/web_tables.htm)

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. Having accurate data regarding patient visits will help our specialty and benefit our patients as well. I urge you to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

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President

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