



American Health Information
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Dear Health Care Executive and Director of Health Information Services:

The National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting the National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery (NSAS). This research was last conducted in 1994-1995 to provide information about ambulatory surgery performed in hospitals and freestanding centers. Obviously much has changed in 10 years and it will be invaluable to have current information from an updated NSAS.

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) endorses this survey and encourages those health care organizations who are selected to take part in the Survey to participate fully and to provide complete and accurate data and information so the study findings are useful to the entire health care industry.

We have reviewed the goals and methods of this and previous studies, including confidentiality, and urge your full cooperation and participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda L. Kloss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda L. Kloss, RHIA
Chief Executive Officer

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