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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NACMS). The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has invested many years in developing this unique study that has emerged as a sound and valuable mechanism for collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice.

The continued support of American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery members is indispensable in the continuation of this research program. There is considerable interest in providing data that can be an original, invaluable resource for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facilities and manpower requirements, for determining desirable modifications in medical education programs, and for providing increased knowledge reflecting the natural history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting.

Along with other medical organizations, we have been involved in the final approval of NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find this survey design diminishes the amount of record keeping and time involved and increases utility of the data collected. Strict confidentiality will be maintained, with only summary data to be published and made available to the medical profession, to health planners and researchers, and to the public.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Maisel, MD
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