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Dear Doctor:

I know you receive many requests for surveys and information about your practice. This survey is one the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) hopes you will complete, thus I am writing to urge your participation in this National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this study. The past years of survey activity attest to its soundness and value in collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice and has had major influence in developing ACOG education and training activities.

These valuable reports have many other useful purposes: to obtain information which can provide a useful base for planning and organizing health services; to assess health facilities and manpower requirements; to determine modifications in medical education programs, and to provide increased knowledge of disease in the ambulatory settings. All of these reports have been used extensively by ACOG in its ongoing efforts to keep our members at the forefront of ambulatory care. As we enter new arenas of medical care, the information will be essential to help ACOG members prepare and adjust to the changing environment.

Along with other medical organizations, ACOG participates in developing the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find that the survey design minimizes the amount of record-keeping and time involvement. In addition, strict confidentiality will be maintained, with only summary data published and made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers and the public.

I know from past experience that the information derived from this study will be well worth the extra individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, on behalf of ACOG, may I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested?

Sincerely,

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