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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this study and the eighteen years of survey activity attest to its soundness and value in collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practices.

More than 110 survey reports have been published since the survey first began. Its many purposes are to obtain information which can provide useful base for planning and organizing health services, for assessing health facility and manpower requirements, for determining modifications in medical education programs, and for providing increased knowledge of disease in the ambulatory setting.

Along with other medical organizations, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has been involved in developing the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find the survey design minimizes the amount of record-keeping and time involved. In addition, strict confidentiality is to be maintained, with only summary data to be published and made available to the medical profession, to health planners and research workers and to the public.

I am confident that the information derived will be well worth the extra individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again may I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested?

Sincerely,

Steve M. Gnatz, MD

