



National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

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Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is charged with measuring the nature and amount of health services provided in the United States. As part of this mission, NCHS conducts the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), which collects information about patients, their problems, and the resources used for care provided by office-based physicians and community health centers. The resulting published statistics will help the medical profession plan for more effective health services, determine health care workforce needs, improve medical education, and assist the public health community in understanding the epidemiology of diseases and health conditions that affect Americans.

Description

This document was placed in the medical file or retained by the sampled provider as an indicator that visit information on the date(s) specified below was collected as part of NAMCS. Information collected may have included the patient's medical record number, patient characteristics (e.g., residential ZIP code and date of birth), practice characteristics (e.g., referral status, visit date, and if the patient was new or old to this provider), and various visit characteristics (e.g., diagnosis and medications prescribed). Visits were randomly selected to be included in NAMCS and no directly identifiable information other than the patient's medical record number was removed from the record during data collection. The information collected will be used to generate statistical summaries.

