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Dear Colleague:

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) has been collecting data annually since 1989 on office visits to primary care and specialty physicians. The Academy uses these data to estimate the prevalence and type of skin diseases in the United States, to analyze the changes in the practice of dermatology over time, and to project potential manpower needs. This is an excellent source of hard data on office-based practice.

I understand that you are being requested to participate in the current survey, and I strongly encourage you to do so. The contribution to be made will come from a small sample of practicing dermatologists, so your participation is critical in providing information on current dermatologic practice.

I have been informed that the survey will require about 25 minutes per day for a week. The survey itself minimizes record keeping and emphasizes the utilization of data collected. Strict confidentiality will be preserved and only summary data will be published.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Scher, MD
President

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