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Dear Doctor:

I am writing to inform you that you may be called upon, as a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), to participate in a study known as the "National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Continued support from AAOS is indispensable to the success of this research program. If selected for participation, you will help provide input on the epidemiology of disease, referral patterns in the ambulatory setting, health facility and workforce requirements, and desirable modifications in medical education programs.

The Academy has used data from the NAMCS in an epidemiologic study titled *Musculoskeletal Conditions in the United States*, which will move into its third edition in the near future, as well as in other studies of office-based practice.

I believe you will find that the NAMCS survey design minimizes record-keeping and maximizes the utility of data collected. In addition, strict confidentiality provisions are maintained. Data are published in summary form only and made available to the medical profession, health planners and researchers, and the public.

I am confident that the NAMCS will be of value to many audiences, and worth the individual effort of physicians like you. On behalf of the AAOS, I urge you to provide the requested information. We can look forward to obtaining the results of the research study.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Hackett, FACHE, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer

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