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I am writing to urge you to participate in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this unique study, and the result is a sound and valuable mechanism for collecting national data on office-based, ambulatory practice.

The American College of Cardiology's endorsement and broad support among all physicians are indispensable in the continuation of this research program. The information collected will be an original, invaluable base for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facility and workforce requirements, determining possible modifications in medical education programs, and providing increased knowledge reflecting the natural history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting. This information will be very helpful to the ACC and its members as we go forward.

Along with other medical organizations, we have been involved in developing the NAMCA forms and procedures. I believe you will find the survey design minimizes the amount of recordkeeping and time involved and maximizes the utility of the data collected. Strict confidentiality provisions will be maintained, and only summary data will be published and made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers, and the public.

I am confident that the information derived will be well worth the extra, individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, I urge you to support the NAMCS project by providing the information requested. The ACC looks forward to receiving the summary results of this valuable research study.

Sincerely,

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