

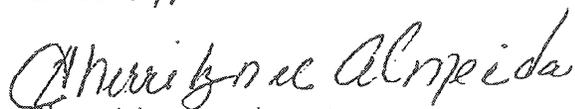
Dear Emergency Department Director:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, which is part of an ongoing project to fill an information gap in our specialized area of health care. There is a vital need for a national database pertaining to ambulatory/emergency settings.

The Emergency Nurses Association and the 22,000 Emergency Nurses it represents, are pleased to support and encourage this effort. The data gathered will give direct care providers, manager, educators, researchers, administrators, and strategists an additional tool to better understand the provision of emergency care in outpatient departments and emergency care centers.

Please take a moment of your time and assist the National Center for Health Statistics collect this information by completing this survey. Your contribution will become part of a database, which will be vital to future efforts in our area of health care.

Sincerely,



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