

Data Source with Asthma Content: National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS)

The NHDS, which has been conducted annually since 1965, is a national probability survey designed to meet the need for information on characteristics of inpatients discharged from non-Federal short-stay hospitals in the United States. Data from the NHDS are available annually and are used to examine important topics of interest in public health and for a variety of activities by governmental, scientific, academic, and commercial institutions.

Administered by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), CDC.

Sampling Frame and Methodology:

- Continuous since 1965
- Nationally representative sample (~400 hospitals participate annually; 350,000 patient discharges sampled annually)
- Geography: National and regional estimates only

Respiratory Health Content:

- ICD-9 visit codes identify discharges for asthma (493.0-493.9) and other respiratory health reasons

Website and Data Access Information:

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhds.htm>

Related Resources:

CDC MMWR Surveillance Summaries: <http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/mmwr.html>

Health Data Interactive Tables: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hdi.htm>

Statistics: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/asthma.htm>

Medical Record Abstraction Form:

The NHDS contain data related to patient characteristics including birth date or age; sex; race; and marital status; administrative information, including admission and discharge dates and discharge status; and medical information, including diagnoses and surgical and nonsurgical procedures.

See medical record abstract form: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhds/nhds_questionnaires.htm