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Urology Fact Sheet from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

ABOUT NAMCS

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) produces statistics that are representative of people in the United States who visit office-based physicians. The survey provides information on office visits by physician practice characteristics, patient characteristics, and visit characteristics.

UROLOGY

In 2015–2016, there were an estimated 23 million visits per year to nonfederally employed, office-based physicians specializing in urology in the United States.

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PROVIDER-ASSESSED MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT

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<th>Reason</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE</td>
<td>49.6%</td>
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<td>NEW PROBLEM¹</td>
<td>22.3%</td>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
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<td>POSTSURGERY</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
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<td>PRESURGERY</td>
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¹Onset less than 3 months.

NOTE: Major reason for visit is the broad category of the problem or symptom which, in the physician’s judgment, was most responsible for the patient making this visit.

PATIENTS’ TOP 5 PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR VISIT

- PROGRESS VISIT
- URINARY TRACT DISEASES, EXCEPT CYSTITIS
- CANCER OF URINARY AND MALE GENITAL TRACT
- DISEASES OF THE MALE GENITAL ORGANS
- FREQUENCY AND URGENCY OF URINATION

NOTE: Principal reason for visit is based on the patient’s primary expressed reason for the visit, which is abstracted from the medical record and later coded into categories using an internal NCHS system.

TOP 5 SERVICES, ORDERED OR PROVIDED

- URINALYSIS
- SKIN EXAMINATION
- OTHER ULTRASOUND
- PSA (PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN) TEST
- URINE CULTURE


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<th>Age Group (Years)</th>
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<td>Under 45</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>45–64</td>
<td>32.4%</td>
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<td>65–74</td>
<td>27.2%</td>
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<td>75 and over</td>
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PRIMARY EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT

- BLANK OR UNKNOWN 2.1%
- NO INSURANCE² 1.3%
- OTHER¹ 0.9%
- MEDICARE 44.3%
- MEDICAID OR CHIP/SCHIP¹ 6.9%
- PRIVATE INSURANCE 44.4%

¹CHIP is Children’s Health Insurance Program; SCHIP is State CHIP.
²Having only self-pay, no charge, or charity as source of payment.
³Includes workers’ compensation and other sources of payment. NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

MEDICATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED OR CONTINUED AT 72.3% OF OFFICE VISITS.

- TAMSULOSIN
- ASPIRIN
- MULTIVITAMIN
- CIPROFLOXacin
- ATORVASTATIN
NAMCS data are widely used in research studies appearing in nationally recognized medical journals. Here are a few recent publications using NAMCS data:


A complete list of publications using NAMCS data, which includes articles and reports, can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_products.htm.