

National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

ABOUT NAMCS

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) produces statistics that represent the experience of the U.S. population at visits to office-based physicians. The survey provides information on office visits in terms of physician practice, patient, and visit characteristics.

GENERAL SURGERY

In 2015, an estimated **17 million visits** were made to nonfederally employed, office-based physicians specializing in general surgery in the United States. More than 60% of the visits were by persons aged 25–64. The annual visit rates were highest for persons aged 45–64.

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https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/namcs_participant.htm



MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT

PRE- OR POST-SURGERY	33%
NEW PROBLEM	26%
CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE	18%
CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP	10%
PREVENTIVE CARE	4%

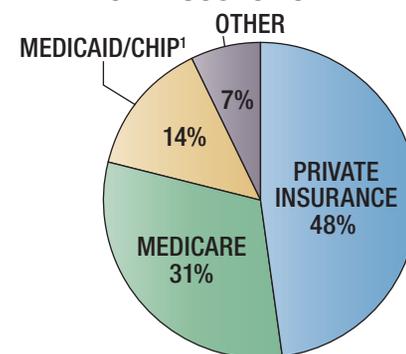
PATIENTS' TOP 2 REASONS FOR VISIT

- POSTOPERATIVE
- HERNIA OF ABDOMINAL CAVITY

TOP 5 DIAGNOSES

- INGUINAL HERNIA
- MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF BREAST
- UNSPECIFIED AFTERCARE
- HERNIA OF UNSPECIFIED SITE
- CALCULUS GALLBLADDER

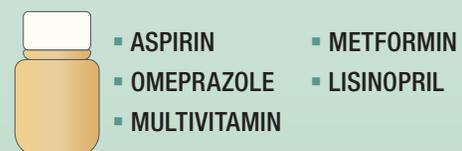
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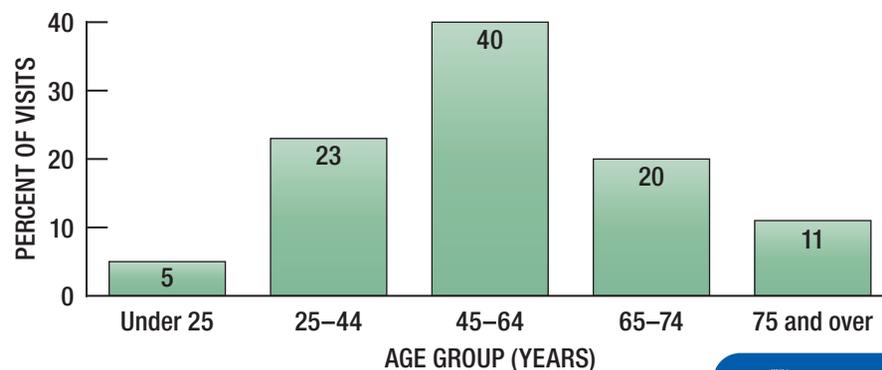
¹Children's Health Insurance Program.

MEDICATIONS OR IMMUNIZATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED OR CONTINUED AT **58%** OF OFFICE VISITS.

TOP 5 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS



PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL SURGERY OFFICE VISITS, BY PATIENT'S AGE: 2015



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NAMCS data are widely used in research studies appearing in nationally recognized medical journals. Below is a selection of general surgery articles in recent publications citing NAMCS data:

Salibian AA, Mahboubi H, Patel MS, Kuan EC, Malinoski DJ, Vagefi PA, Djalilian HR. **The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: PAs and NPs in outpatient surgery.** JAAPA 29(5):47–53. 2016.

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Farhangian ME, Snyder A, Huang KE, Doerfler L, Huang WW, Feldman SR. **Cutaneous cryosurgery in the United States.** J Dermatolog Treat 27(1):91–4. 2016.

Reeder VJ, Gustafson CJ, Mireku K, Davis SA, Feldman SR, Pearce DJ. **Trends in Mohs surgery from 1995 to 2010: An analysis of nationally representative data.** Dermatol Surg 41(3):397–403. 2015.

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Hollingsworth JM, Sakshaug JW, Zhang Y, Hollenbeck BK. **In-office imaging capabilities among procedure-based specialty practices.** Surg Innov 21(4):403–8. 2013.



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.