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.

NEUROLOGY

During 2014–2015, an estimated 14 million visits per year were made to nonfederally employed, office-based neurologists in the United States. Seventy percent of visits were by persons aged 45 and over. The visit rate was lower for persons aged 44 and under compared with the two older groups. The visit rate did not differ for males and females.

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MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE</td>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP</td>
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EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT

- MEDICAID/CHIP: 9%
- PRIVATE INSURANCE: 48%
- MEDICARE: 31%
- OTHER: 12%

MEDICATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED OR CONTINUED AT 78% OF OFFICE VISITS.

TOP 5 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

- ASPIRIN
- IBUPROFEN
- LEVOTHYROXINE
- TOPIRAMATE
- ACETAMINOPHEN

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