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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.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Annually, an estimated 25 million visits are made to nonfederally employed, office-based physicians specializing in otolaryngology in the United States.

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MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT

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<th>Reason</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>NEW PROBLEM</td>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE</td>
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<td>PRE- OR POST-SURGERY</td>
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<td>CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP</td>
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EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT

- **Medicare**: 30%
- **Private Insurance**: 51%
- **Medicaid or CHIP**: 9%
- **Other**: 10%

TOP 3 DIAGNOSES

- IMPACTED CERUMEN
- EUSTACHIAN TUBE DYSFUNCTION
- UNSPECIFIED SINUSITIS (CHRONIC)

TOP 5 SERVICES ORDERED OR PROVIDED

- AUDIOMETRY
- SKIN EXAMINATION
- NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION
- CAT SCAN
- RETINAL EXAMINATION

Patients’ Top 4 Reasons for Visit

- PROGRESSIVE VISIT
- HEARING DYSFUNCTION
- POSTOPERATIVE VISIT
- EARACHE

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY OFFICE VISITS, BY PATIENT’S AGE: 2015

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<th>Age Group (Years)</th>
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<td>UNDER 15</td>
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MEDICATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED OR CONTINUED AT 63% OF OFFICE VISITS.

Top 3 Active Ingredients

- FLUTICASONE NASAL
- ASPIRIN
- OMEPRAZOLE

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