



Sending Electronic Health Record Data



Your hospital can participate in the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) using reports already available through your Electronic Health Record reporting system available directly from the EHR or from your data warehouse.

Data We are Requesting

We would like to receive data on all inpatient, emergency department, and outpatient visits (including all outpatient procedures and non-procedures). Some of the data elements we would like to receive are:



- DOB
- Sex
- Date of admission, arrival, or visit
- All diagnoses related to the visit or admission diagnosis
- Reasons for visit



- Labs, tests, or other surgical or therapeutic procedures provided or ordered during the visit
- Medications, including any taken at the time of the visit or administered during the visit; and
- Personal identifiers to enable linking

There are other specific variables required depending on the type of visit (i.e., inpatient, outpatient, or ED).

Utilizing Existing Reports

There may be readily available reports that include most or all of the data elements needed for participation in the NHCS that can be utilized by the CDC, with or without some minor changes:

- Continuity of Care Document or CCD
- Hospital specific reports for operation, quality, or state regulatory purposes

Data Security

You will be provided with a secure and safe way to transmit your data. Compensation for your staff time is available.

Data can be sent in most formats, such as:



- Excel
- HL7
- Almost any other standard format

We look forward to exploring how to use this evolving technology in a way that limits the need for us to send medical record abstractors into your hospital, reduces burden on you for participation, and allows us to work together to collect the data we need to better understand the utilization of health care services in the country.

