



April 5, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is pleased to endorse ASC participation in the 2012 National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS). This survey, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Center for Health Statistics, will gather data about outpatient surgeries performed in both ASCs and hospitals.

If your ASC is selected to participate, you will be asked to provide data on a sample of your ASC's patient visits, including patient demographics, the procedures performed and the payment source. All information collected will be kept confidential.

The data will be used by the CDC to publish reports on outpatient surgery in the United States. These reports will be an important source of information for researchers and policy makers. For instance, these reports will show how many patients ASCs are serving each year. No identifiable information for either ASCs or patients will be displayed.

We recognize the value of your time. If you are invited to participate, we encourage you to take the time to complete this important survey as it will provide a more complete picture of the role ASCs play in providing surgical care in the United States.

Sincerely,

David Shapiro, MD

President  
ASCA