

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.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

During 2014–2015, an estimated **60 million visits per year** were made to nonfederally employed, office-based providers specializing in osteopathic medicine in the United States. The highest number of visits were by persons aged 45–64.

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



MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT

CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE	34%
NEW PROBLEM	31%
PREVENTIVE CARE	21%
CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP	6%
PRE- OR POST-SURGERY	5%

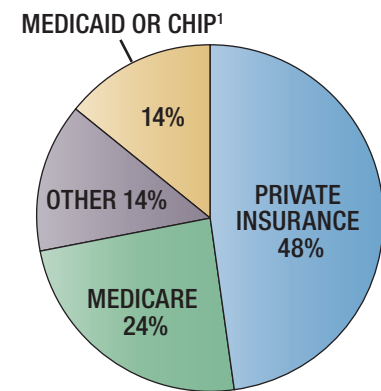
MEDICATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED OR CONTINUED AT **78%** OF OFFICE VISITS.

TOP 5 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS



- ASPIRIN
- LISINAPRIL
- MULTIVITAMIN
- AMLODIPINE
- ACETAMINOPHEN/HYDROCODONE

EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT

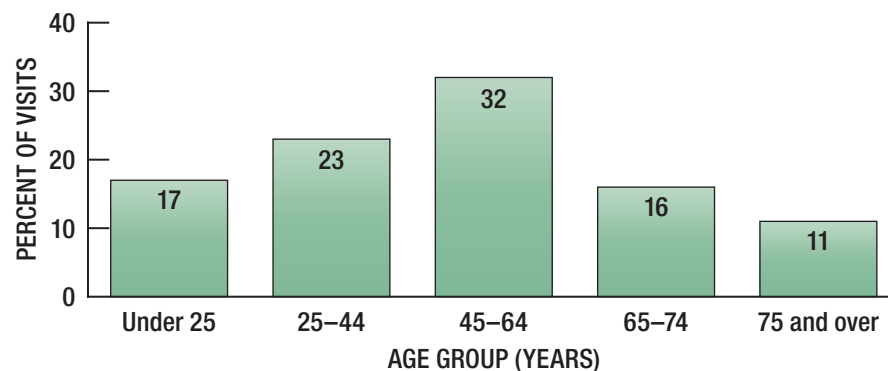


¹Children's Health Insurance Program.

TOP 4 DIAGNOSES

- ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION
- GENERAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION
- DIABETES MELLITUS
- LUMBAGO

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OFFICE VISITS, BY PATIENT'S AGE: 2014–2015



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Osteopathic Medicine Fact Sheet *from the*

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

Licciardone JC. **A national study of primary care provided by osteopathic physicians.** J Am Osteopath Assoc 115(12):704–13. 2015.

Licciardone JC, Singh KP. **Sociodemographic and geographic characteristics associated with patient visits to osteopathic physicians for primary care.** BMC Health Serv Res 11:303. 2011.

Moser A, Segars LW. **Assessment of antihyperlipidemic therapy in US patients with coronary heart disease.** J Am Osteopath Assoc 110(6):331–9. 2010.

Licciardone JC, Clearfield MB, Guillory VJ. **Clinical practice characteristics of osteopathic and allopathic primary care physicians at academic health centers: Results from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.** Acad Med 84(6):744–50. 2009.



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.