

NHAMCS provides a range of baseline data on the characteristics of the users and providers of hospital ambulatory medical care. Data collected include patients' demographic characteristics, reason(s) for visit, providers' diagnoses, diagnostic services, medications, and disposition. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, for the planning of health services, improving medical education, determining health care work force needs, and assessing the health status of the population.

Starting 2018, NHAMCS was modified to assess only hospital

emergency departments. The survey components that assessed hospital outpatient departments and ambulatory surgery locations were discontinued. Users of NHAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional offices, Federal agencies, state and local governments, schools of public health, colleges and universities, private industry, nonprofit foundations, professional associations, clinicians, researchers, administrators, and health planners.

The burden is to complete the 2020 data collection which is currently underway and collect data over the following three years (2021–2023)

without change to the current survey activities. However, starting with 2021 data collection, the Assurance of Confidentiality statement will be updated to the new citation for the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) language. There are no costs to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 1,500. The adjusted increase of 712 burden hours is due to the new method of calculating burden to include all sampled hospitals.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Hospital Chief Executive Officer	Hospital Induction Data Collection	547	1	30/60
Ancillary Service Executive	Ambulatory Unit Induction Data Collection	1,093	1	15/60
Medical Record Clerk	Retrieving Patient Records	547	100	1/60
Ancillary Service Executive	Telephone Reinterview	167	1	15/60

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC–2020–0029]

Management of Acute and Chronic Pain: Request for Comment

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the opening of a docket to obtain comment concerning perspectives on and experiences with pain and pain management, including but not limited to the benefits and harms of opioid use, from patients with acute or chronic pain, patients' family members and/or caregivers, and health care providers who care for patients with pain or conditions that can complicate pain management (e.g., opioid use disorder or overdose)—hereafter called

“stakeholders.” CDC will use these comments to inform its understanding of stakeholders' values and preferences related to pain and pain management options.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 16, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2020–0029 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Shannon Lee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop S106–9, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Lee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop S106–9, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, 404–498–3290, InjuryCenterEngage@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and

data related to perspectives on and experiences with pain and pain management. CDC invites comments specifically on topics focused on using or prescribing opioid pain medications, non-opioid medications, or non-pharmacological treatments (e.g., exercise therapy or cognitive behavioral therapy). These topics are as follows:

- Experiences managing pain, which might include the benefits, risks, and/or harms of the pain management options listed above.
- Experiences choosing among the pain management options listed above, including considering factors such as each option's accessibility, cost, benefits, and/or risks.
- Experiences getting information needed to make pain management decisions.

Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential, proprietary, or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions containing private or proprietary information such

as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted.

Background

Public comment will help CDC's understanding of stakeholders' values and preferences regarding pain management and will complement CDC's ongoing work assessing the need for updating or expanding the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, published in 2016 (available in the Supporting Materials tab of the docket and at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/rr6501e1.htm>). Please note that HHS/CDC is also planning opportunities for stakeholder engagements and conversations on these topics. These have been postponed because of COVID-19 but will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice when they are rescheduled.

More information about CDC's assessment of the need for updating or expanding the Guideline and the establishment of a federal advisory committee workgroup to provide expert input and observations to CDC on the possible Guideline update or expansion is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/bsc/opioid-workgroup-2019.html>. If the Guideline is updated or expanded, CDC would request public comment on the draft document through a notice in the **Federal Register** prior to final publication.

Anyone who would like to receive information related to CDC's ongoing work specific to drug overdose prevention (including the ongoing response to the opioid overdose epidemic) as well as other updates (e.g., pertaining to resources and tools) may sign up at www.cdc.gov/emailupdates and select topics of interest. Available offerings include:

- Subscription Topics: Injury, Violence & Safety
- Subtopic: Drug Overdose News

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled "The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a "Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations" notice on October 22, 2019 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received two anonymous non-substantive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting

"Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0607, Exp. 11/30/2020)—Revision — National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Violence is a public health problem. The World Health Organization has estimated that 804,000 suicides and 475,000 homicides occurred in the year 2012 worldwide. Violence in the United States is a particular problem for the young; suicide and homicide were among the top four leading causes of death for Americans 10–34 and 1–34 years of age in 2015, respectively. In 2002 Congress approved the first appropriation to start the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). NVDRS is coordinated and funded at the federal level but is dependent on separate data collection efforts managed by the state health department (or their bona fide agent) in each state.

NVDRS, implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a state-based surveillance system developed to monitor the occurrence of violent deaths (i.e., homicide, suicide, undetermined deaths, and unintentional firearm deaths) in the United States (U.S.) by collecting comprehensive, detailed, useful, and timely data from multiple sources (e.g., death certificates, coroner/medical examiner reports, law enforcement reports) into a useable, anonymous database. NVDRS is an ongoing surveillance system that captures annual violent death counts and circumstances that precipitate each violent incident. Data on violent death is defined as a death resulting from the intentional use of physical force or power (e.g., threats or intimidation) against oneself, another person, or against a group or community. CDC aggregates de-identified data from each state into one large national database that is analyzed and released in annual reports and publications. Descriptive analyses such as frequencies and rates are employed. A restricted access