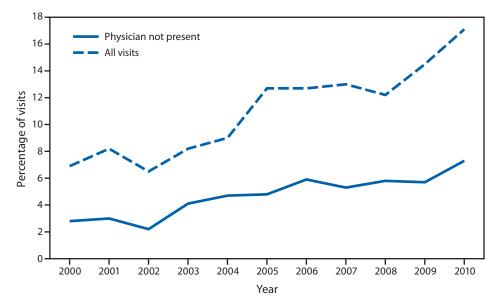
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Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits During Which a Patient Was Seen by a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner, Overall and Without a Physician Present* —

National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2000–2010



* Based on a national sample of visits to hospital EDs.

The percentage of hospital ED visits during which a patient was seen by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner increased from 7% in 2000 to 17% in 2010. The percentage of ED visits during which a patient was seen by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner and did not see a physician increased from 3% in 2000 to 7% in 2010.

Source: CDC. National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd.htm. **Reported by:** Esther Hing, MPH, ehing@cdc.gov, 301-458-4271; Amy Brown, MPH.