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Title: Disparities in the Use of Ambulatory Surgical Centers: A Cross Sectional Study

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Dear Dr. Norton:

Please accept for review our revised manuscript entitled, “Disparities in the Use of Ambulatory Surgical Centers: A Cross Sectional Study” co-authored by Dr. Strope and colleagues. This manuscript has been formatted as a Research Article for BMC Health Services Research.

In this paper, we examine the influence of socioeconomic status and race on use of ambulatory surgery centers. As surgery increasingly moves into ambulatory environments issues of racial and economic equity in access to care will continue to emerge. Our analysis addresses these issues and highlights the differential provision of care by socioeconomic and racial/ethnic status. Thus, we feel that our manuscript has relevance to policy issues surrounding the provision of ambulatory surgical care care, and illustrates emerging disparities in ambulatory surgical care. As such, this study would be of interest to the audience of BMC Health Services Research.

As corresponding author, I take responsibility for the integrity of the work as a whole, from inception to published article. All authors have contributed to the final manuscript, and have seen and approved the manuscript in its current form. On behalf of all the authors, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of our revised manuscript.

Sincerely,

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