

# Allegheny County

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## Common Outpatient Procedures for Allegheny County Residents in FY 2013

**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Allegheny County residents (178,039) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 277,022 visits.

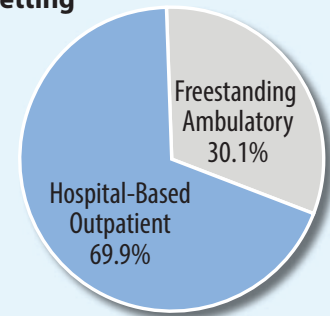
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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**3.1 million.** Overall, PHC4 collected 3.1 million outpatient procedure records (for PA and non-PA residents) from 174 hospital-based outpatient departments and 275 freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in FY 2013.

### Outpatient Procedure Records by Setting



*This report focuses on 10 outpatient procedures commonly performed in PA, with specific data shown for Allegheny Co.*

| Common Outpatient Procedures                           | Total for County Residents | % Freestanding Ambulatory Center | % Hospital Outpatient Department | Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents |            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
|  |                            |                                  |                                  | County Rate                         | State Rate |
| Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy                        | 39,068                     | 45.3%                            | 54.7%                            | 317.8                               | 325.4      |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum                      | 2,157                      | 57.8%                            | 42.2%                            | 17.5                                | 17.4       |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 3,488                      | 47.6%                            | 52.4%                            | 28.4                                | 28.2       |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy          | 1,754                      | 18.3%                            | 81.7%                            | 14.3                                | 14.2       |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity          | 1,341                      | 39.5%                            | 60.5%                            | 10.9                                | 12.1       |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens              | 17,423                     | 68.0%                            | 32.0%                            | 141.7                               | 146.2      |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones               | 2,253                      | 0.1%                             | 99.9%                            | 18.3                                | 19.8       |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids                        | 2,453                      | 33.3%                            | 66.7%                            | 20.0                                | 19.1       |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin                              | 2,197                      | 9.3%                             | 90.7%                            | 17.9                                | 18.2       |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage                          | 3,664                      | 31.4%                            | 68.6%                            | 29.8                                | 30.1       |

Notes: These procedures were defined using the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Clinical Classifications Software. Outpatient procedures that were incorporated into inpatient records (e.g., outpatient diagnostic services for patients admitted to the hospital within 3 days of their outpatient visit) were not included here.

**PHC4's outpatient procedure data, available through its special request program, is an important resource for health care facilities and providers, insurers, researchers, and consultants in studying issues such as access to care, cost and reimbursements, community need, and strategic planning.**

## Where did Allegheny County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

|  | Top 3 Facilities         | Number (%)    |  | Top 3 Facilities         | Number (%)    |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| • Colonoscopy with/<br>without Biopsy                          | UPMC Presby Shadyside    | 4,494 (11.5%) | • Removal of Cataract<br>and Insertion of Lens   | Associates SC            | 2,126 (12.2%) |
|  | UPMC Passavant           | 3,319 (8.5%)  |  | Mt Lebanon SC            | 1,862 (10.7%) |
|  | St Clair Memorial        | 3,137 (8.0%)  |  | UPMC Presby Shadyside    | 1,315 (7.5%)  |
| • Incision and<br>Drainage of Ear<br>Drum                      | CHP North SC             | 1,120 (51.9%) | • Removal of<br>Gallbladder and/or<br>Gallstones | Jefferson Regional       | 354 (15.7%)   |
|  | Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC | 462 (21.4%)   |  | St Clair Memorial        | 295 (13.1%)   |
|  | UPMC Mercy               | 88 (4.1%)     |  | UPMC Passavant           | 258 (11.5%)   |
| • Release of Carpal<br>Tunnel and Other<br>Nerves in Arms/Legs | UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr | 659 (18.9%)   | • Removal of Tonsils<br>and Adenoids             | Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC | 675 (27.5%)   |
|  | UPMC Presby Shadyside    | 431 (12.4%)   |  | CHP North SC             | 655 (26.7%)   |
|  | Western PA SC            | 267 (7.7%)    |  | UPMC Mercy               | 228 (9.3%)    |
| • Removal of Breast<br>Tumor or Partial<br>Mastectomy          | Magee Womens/UPMC        | 504 (28.7%)   | • Repair of Hernia in<br>Groin                   | UPMC Presby Shadyside    | 255 (11.6%)   |
|  | UPMC Monroeville SC      | 201 (11.5%)   |  | UPMC Passavant           | 237 (10.8%)   |
|  | St Clair Memorial        | 165 (9.4%)    |  | St Clair Memorial        | 236 (10.7%)   |
| • Removal of Bunion<br>and Repair of Toe<br>Deformity          | UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr | 185 (13.8%)   | • Repair of Torn Knee<br>Cartilage               | Allegheny General        | 461 (12.6%)   |
|  | UPMC Mercy               | 151 (11.3%)   |  | UPMC Mercy South Side SC | 350 (9.6%)    |
|  | Waterfront SC            | 121 (9.0%)    |  | UPMC Passavant           | 349 (9.5%)    |

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

## Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

|  | Medicare | Medicaid | Commercial | Other* |
|--|----------|----------|------------|--------|
| Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy                        | 30.5%    | 4.7%     | 50.4%      | 14.4%  |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum                      | 1.9%     | 26.3%    | 49.3%      | 22.5%  |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 28.8%    | 7.1%     | 48.2%      | 15.9%  |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy          | 30.7%    | 5.3%     | 45.0%      | 19.0%  |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity          | 22.3%    | 7.1%     | 52.6%      | 18.0%  |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens              | 67.8%    | 2.9%     | 23.6%      | 5.7%   |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones               | 18.1%    | 10.3%    | 54.9%      | 16.7%  |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids                        | 0.3%     | 25.3%    | 55.0%      | 19.4%  |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin                              | 28.0%    | 8.2%     | 47.4%      | 16.3%  |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage                          | 13.0%    | 6.6%     | 63.5%      | 16.9%  |

**Want to know what Medicare pays health care facilities in PA for common outpatient services such as cataract surgery, MRIs or biopsies? Then visit PHC4's website at [www.phc4.org](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.**

\* Includes other government, self-pay and unknown payer.

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