

Armstrong County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Armstrong County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 8. In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Armstrong County residents (8,653) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 15,347 visits.

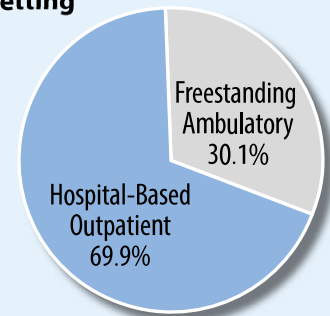
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Armstrong 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	1,005	31.7%	68.3%	146.9	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	137	56.2%	43.8%	20.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	325	44.6%	55.4%	47.5	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	68	11.8%	88.2%	9.9	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	74	47.3%	52.7%	10.8	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	965	38.4%	61.6%	141.1	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	131	1.5%	98.5%	19.1	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	156	34.6%	65.4%	22.8	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	121	7.4%	92.6%	17.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	217	17.5%	82.5%	31.7	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 Armstrong County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)
• Colonoscopy with/ without Biopsy	Allegheny Valley	377 (37.5%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	ACMH	300 (31.1%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	131 (13.0%)		Allegheny Valley	235 (24.4%)
	SC at Benbrook	85 (8.5%)		Laurel Laser/Brookville	158 (16.4%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	67 (48.9%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Allegheny Valley	32 (24.4%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	30 (21.9%)		Butler Memorial	27 (20.6%)
	ACMH	18 (13.1%)		UPMC St Margaret	23 (17.6%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	90 (27.7%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	45 (28.8%)
	ACMH	86 (26.5%)		CHP North SC	45 (28.8%)
	Allegheny Valley	37 (11.4%)		ACMH	28 (17.9%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Allegheny Valley	12 (17.6%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	ACMH	59 (48.8%)
	Magee Womens/UPMC	12 (17.6%)		Allegheny Valley	20 (16.5%)
	ACMH	11 (16.2%)		Indiana Regional	8 (6.6%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	ACMH	22 (29.7%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	ACMH	89 (41.0%)
	SC at Benbrook	20 (27.0%)		Allegheny Valley	41 (18.9%)
	Allegheny Valley	8 (10.8%)		UPMC St Margaret	21 (9.7%)

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	33.4%	5.2%	51.8%	9.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.1%	32.1%	58.4%	4.4%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	27.7%	10.5%	55.4%	6.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	41.2%	1.5%	44.1%	13.2%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.0%	9.5%	59.5%	4.1%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	74.7%	2.6%	19.5%	3.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.1%	11.5%	58.8%	10.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	28.8%	63.5%	7.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	36.4%	8.3%	48.8%	6.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	12.0%	8.3%	73.7%	6.0%

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 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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