

Berks County



Common Outpatient Procedures for Berks County Residents in FY 2013

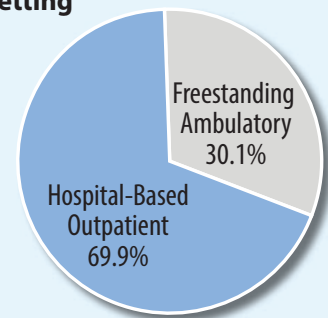
1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Berks County residents (65,324) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 102,388 visits.

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.



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 Berks 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	14,369	85.9%	14.1%	347.5	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	822	56.9%	43.1%	19.9	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,269	74.5%	25.5%	30.7	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	693	25.0%	75.0%	16.8	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	826	80.5%	19.5%	20.0	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,406	94.6%	5.4%	179.1	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	648	1.4%	98.6%	15.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1,027	43.8%	56.2%	24.8	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	788	21.6%	78.4%	19.1	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,124	40.8%	59.2%	27.2	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 Berks 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	Berks Digestive Health	7,408 (51.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Berkshire Eye SC	2,665 (36.0%)
	Reading Endoscopy Center	1,933 (13.5%)		PA Eye & Ear SC	1,819 (24.6%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	1,040 (7.2%)		State Hill SC	945 (12.8%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	PA Eye & Ear SC	283 (34.4%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Reading	278 (42.9%)
	Surg Institute of Reading	227 (27.6%)		St Joseph/Reading	127 (19.6%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	124 (15.1%)		Surg Institute of Reading	72 (11.1%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Reading ASC	424 (33.4%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Surg Institute of Reading	416 (40.5%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	346 (27.3%)		PA Eye & Ear SC	263 (25.6%)
	SC of Allentown	63 (5.0%)		Reading SC/Spring Ridge	136 (13.2%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Reading	246 (35.5%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Surg Institute of Reading	185 (23.5%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	163 (23.5%)		Reading	169 (21.4%)
	St Joseph/Reading	94 (13.6%)		St Joseph/Reading	114 (14.5%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	332 (40.2%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Reading ASC	212 (18.9%)
	Reading ASC	204 (24.7%)		Surg Institute of Reading	208 (18.5%)
	Premier Podiatric SC	81 (9.8%)		Reading	158 (14.1%)

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	31.1%	4.5%	62.1%	2.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	8.2%	14.7%	74.6%	2.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	32.4%	4.7%	61.6%	1.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.0%	4.9%	62.5%	1.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	29.3%	4.1%	65.5%	1.1%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	65.6%	2.3%	29.9%	2.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.9%	17.4%	59.9%	2.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.2%	14.4%	81.7%	2.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	28.2%	10.0%	58.8%	3.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.6%	4.5%	78.4%	2.5%

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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