

Blair County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Blair County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Blair County residents (19,146) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 27,204 visits.

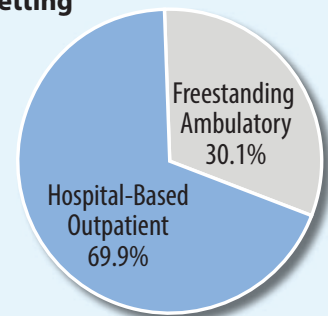
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Blair 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	4,250	57.4%	42.6%	334.3	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	292	47.3%	52.7%	23.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	404	73.3%	26.7%	31.8	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	182	5.5%	94.5%	14.3	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	160	60.0%	40.0%	12.6	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,218	86.4%	13.6%	174.5	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	561	0.0%	100.0%	44.1	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	499	26.1%	73.9%	39.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	286	3.8%	96.2%	22.5	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	439	81.8%	18.2%	34.5	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 Blair 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 Reg Endoscopy	2,364 (55.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Altoona	1,230 (55.5%)
	Nason	797 (18.8%)		Altoona Regional SC	605 (27.3%)
	Altoona Regional	743 (17.5%)		Nason	152 (6.9%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Altoona Regional	113 (38.7%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Altoona Regional	395 (70.4%)
	Altoona Regional SC	76 (26.0%)		Nason	141 (25.1%)
	Advanced Center Surgery	39 (13.4%)		Tyrone	11 (2.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Altoona Regional SC	195 (48.3%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Altoona Regional	308 (61.7%)
	Advanced Center Surgery	61 (15.1%)		Advanced Center Surgery	65 (13.0%)
	Nason	45 (11.1%)		Altoona Regional SC	50 (10.0%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Altoona Regional	89 (48.9%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Altoona Regional	186 (65.0%)
	Tyrone	32 (17.6%)		Nason	55 (19.2%)
	Nason	21 (11.5%)		Tyrone	16 (5.6%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Altoona Regional SC	76 (47.5%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Altoona Regional SC	222 (50.6%)
	Nason	36 (22.5%)		Advanced Center Surgery	105 (23.9%)
	Tyrone	22 (13.8%)		Nason	40 (9.1%)

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	41.2%	3.9%	45.6%	9.3%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	6.8%	41.4%	49.0%	2.7%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	41.1%	8.7%	47.0%	3.2%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	41.2%	7.1%	47.8%	3.8%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	30.0%	6.9%	60.6%	2.5%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	79.8%	1.8%	17.0%	1.3%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	25.8%	15.0%	56.0%	3.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	4.0%	36.3%	57.3%	2.4%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.4%	9.1%	55.9%	5.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	22.3%	5.5%	68.3%	3.9%

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 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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