

Bucks County



Common Outpatient Procedures for Bucks County Residents in FY 2013

1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Bucks County residents (92,985) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 142,517 visits.

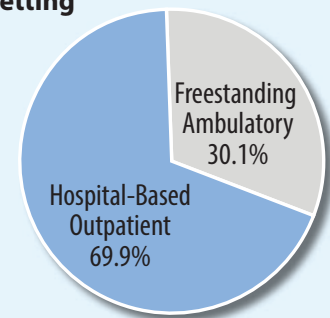
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Bucks 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	21,213	65.6%	34.4%	338.3	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1,130	62.1%	37.9%	18.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,515	25.4%	74.6%	24.2	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	893	12.5%	87.5%	14.2	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	704	37.2%	62.8%	11.2	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	8,679	87.1%	12.9%	138.4	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	744	0.3%	99.7%	11.9	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1,020	44.4%	55.6%	16.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,218	12.7%	87.3%	19.4	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	2,097	35.4%	64.6%	33.4	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 Bucks 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	Doylestown	4,763 (22.5%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Tri-County Eye Surgery	1,980 (22.8%)
	Endoscopy Center of Bucks	3,432 (16.2%)		Wills SC Bucks County	1,359 (15.7%)
	Bucks County GI Endo SC	1,602 (7.6%)		ASC St. Mary	985 (11.3%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	ASC Bucks County	323 (28.6%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	St Mary	315 (42.3%)
	ASC St. Mary	250 (22.1%)		Abington Memorial	85 (11.4%)
	St Christopher's Children	111 (9.8%)		Aria Health	84 (11.3%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	St Mary	563 (37.2%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	ASC St. Mary	249 (24.4%)
	New Britain SC	144 (9.5%)		Doylestown	176 (17.3%)
	Doylestown	115 (7.6%)		ASC Bucks County	139 (13.6%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	St Mary	179 (20.0%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	St Mary	321 (26.4%)
	Holy Redeemer	115 (12.9%)		Doylestown	214 (17.6%)
	Doylestown	88 (9.9%)		Aria Health	145 (11.9%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	St Mary	127 (18.0%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	St Mary	429 (20.5%)
	Doylestown Hospital SC	95 (13.5%)		Doylestown	312 (14.9%)
	Aria Health	88 (12.5%)		Doylestown Hospital SC	224 (10.7%)

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	26.2%	2.3%	67.6%	3.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	4.3%	14.2%	69.2%	12.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.2%	3.2%	62.6%	3.1%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	30.0%	4.4%	63.0%	2.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	24.0%	3.7%	68.0%	4.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	67.9%	1.6%	27.8%	2.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	18.4%	6.3%	70.7%	4.6%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.0%	13.7%	76.1%	9.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.8%	5.3%	60.5%	4.4%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13.7%	1.7%	79.0%	5.6%

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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