Cambria County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Cambria County Residents in FY 2013

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1 in 4. In FY 2013, 1 in 4 Cambria County residents (31,808) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 48,682 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

Freestanding Ambulatory 30.1%
Hospital-Based Outpatient 69.9%

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

	Total for	% Freestanding	% Hospital	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
Common Outpatient Procedures	County Residents	Ambulatory Center	Outpatient Department	County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	5,190	12.2%	87.8%	366.6	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	313	60.4%	39.6%	22.1	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	564	78.9%	21.1%	39.8	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	207	63.3%	36.7%	14.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	192	51.6%	48.4%	13.6	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,613	83.5%	16.5%	184.6	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	417	0.0%	100.0%	29.5	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	340	46.8%	53.2%	24.0	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	329	42.9%	57.1%	23.2	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	514	63.2%	36.8%	36.3	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 Cambria 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	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	2,413 (46.5%)	Removal of Cataract	Ophthalmic Associates SC	1,528 (58.5%)
	Windber	1,204 (23.2%)	and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Altoona	404 (15.5%)
	Miners	582 (11.2%)		Windber	150 (5.7%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Lee ASC	141 (45.0%)	 Removal of 	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	238 (57.1%)
	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	71 (22.7%)	Gallbladder and/or	Altoona Regional	95 (22.8%)
	CHP North SC	23 (7.3%)	Gallstones	Windber	26 (6.2%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Lee ASC	266 (47.2%)	 Removal of Tonsils 	Lee ASC	116 (34.1%)
	Altoona Regional SC	82 (14.5%)	and Adenoids	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	75 (22.1%)
	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	60 (10.6%)		Altoona Regional	40 (11.8%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lee ASC	119 (57.5%)	 Repair of Hernia in 	Lee ASC	133 (40.4%)
	Windber	30 (14.5%)	Groin	Altoona Regional	69 (21.0%)
	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	25 (12.1%)		Conemaugh Valley Memorial	69 (21.0%)
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Lee ASC	56 (29.2%)	 Repair of Torn Knee 	Lee ASC	224 (43.6%)
	Windber	49 (25.5%)	Cartilage	Conemaugh Valley Memorial	145 (28.2%)
	Altoona Regional SC	36 (18.8%)		Altoona Regional SC	49 (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	37.4%	5.5%	53.8%	3.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	7.3%	39.6%	49.8%	3.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.9%	8.0%	54.6%	2.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	39.6%	6.3%	51.7%	2.4%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	28.6%	6.8%	64.6%	0.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	63.4%	2.0%	29.9%	4.6%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	22.3%	18.0%	56.6%	3.1%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.5%	29.7%	63.2%	5.6%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	39.2%	7.0%	49.2%	4.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	19.8%	8.9%	68.5%	2.7%

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