Cameron County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Cameron County Residents in FY 2013

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1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Cameron County residents (877) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 1,183 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 Cameron 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	223	22.9%	77.1%	451.5	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	15	6.7%	93.3%	30.4	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	36	13.9%	86.1%	72.9	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	19	5.3%	94.7%	38.5	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	9	0.0%	100.0%	18.2	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	141	85.1%	14.9%	285.5	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	28	0.0%	100.0%	56.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	12	8.3%	91.7%	24.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	6	16.7%	83.3%	12.1	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	18	27.8%	72.2%	36.4	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 Cameron 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	Elk Regional	80 (35.9%)	Removal of Cataract	Regional ASC	91 (64.5%)
	Charles Cole Memorial	57 (25.6%)	and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Brookville	29 (20.6%)
	Regional ASC	46 (20.6%)		Charles Cole Memorial	11 (7.8%)
 Incision and 	DuBois Regional	8 (53.3%)	 Removal of 	Elk Regional	25 (89.3%)
Drainage of Ear	NR	<5 (NR)	Gallbladder and/or	NR	<5 (NR)
Drum NR	NR	<5 (NR)	Gallstones	NR	<5 (NR)
 Release of Carpal 	Elk Regional	16 (44.4%)	 Removal of Tonsils 	DuBois Regional	6 (50.0%)
Tunnel and Other	Charles Cole Memorial	13 (36.1%)	and Adenoids	NR	<5 (NR)
Nerves in Arms/Legs	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
 Removal of Breast 	Elk Regional	8 (42.1%)	 Repair of Hernia in 	NR	<5 (NR)
Tumor or Partial	Charles Cole Memorial	7 (36.8%)	Groin	NR	<5 (NR)
Mastectomy	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe	Charles Cole Memorial	6 (66.7%)	 Repair of Torn Knee 	Elk Regional	5 (27.8%)
	NR	<5 (NR)	Cartilage	NR	<5 (NR)
Deformity	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)

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	43.5%	5.4%	48.9%	2.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	6.7%	46.7%	46.7%	0.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	25.0%	8.3%	58.3%	8.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	42.1%	5.3%	52.6%	0.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	44.4%	11.1%	44.4%	0.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	64.5%	0.0%	34.0%	1.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	17.9%	10.7%	57.1%	14.3%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.7%	11.1%	72.2%	0.0%

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