

Carbon County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Carbon County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Carbon County residents (10,477) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 16,702 visits.

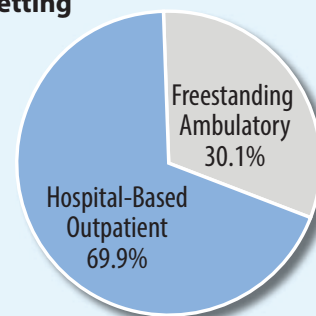
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Carbon 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	2,041	48.9%	51.1%	314.0	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	93	39.8%	60.2%	14.3	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	219	58.9%	41.1%	33.7	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	108	5.6%	94.4%	16.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	100	9.0%	91.0%	15.4	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,402	97.9%	2.1%	215.7	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	187	4.3%	95.7%	28.8	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	101	31.7%	68.3%	15.5	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	134	12.7%	87.3%	20.6	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	307	35.5%	64.5%	47.2	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 Carbon 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	Palmerton	497 (24.4%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Mahoning Valley ASC	921 (65.7%)
	Carbon-Schuylkill Endo	336 (16.5%)		Valley Eye SC	83 (5.9%)
	College Heights Endoscopy	169 (8.3%)		SC of Allentown	80 (5.7%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	St Luke's/Bethlehem	21 (22.6%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	54 (28.9%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	20 (21.5%)		Palmerton	51 (27.3%)
	Westfield	16 (17.2%)		Lehigh Valley	15 (8.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC of Allentown	90 (41.1%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	26 (25.7%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	16 (7.3%)		Center for Advanced Surg	18 (17.8%)
	Palmerton	14 (6.4%)		Westfield	17 (16.8%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Palmerton	25 (23.1%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	35 (26.1%)
	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	18 (16.7%)		Palmerton	27 (20.1%)
	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	13 (12.0%)		* See footnote	14 (10.4%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	20 (20.0%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC of Allentown	57 (18.6%)
	Palmerton	18 (18.0%)		St Luke's Miners	45 (14.7%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	13 (13.0%)		Palmerton	43 (14.0%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* Fairgrounds SC and Lehigh Valley were tied at 14.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	38.9%	2.9%	53.8%	4.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.2%	33.3%	57.0%	6.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.1%	4.1%	64.8%	0.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	43.5%	10.2%	43.5%	2.8%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	34.0%	7.0%	56.0%	3.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	72.9%	0.9%	24.6%	1.6%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	24.1%	10.7%	61.0%	4.3%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	3.0%	24.8%	68.3%	4.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.6%	6.0%	56.7%	3.7%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.9%	2.9%	77.9%	2.3%

* Includes other government, self-pay and unknown payer.

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.

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