

Centre County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Centre County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 8. In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Centre County residents (19,226) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 26,721 visits.

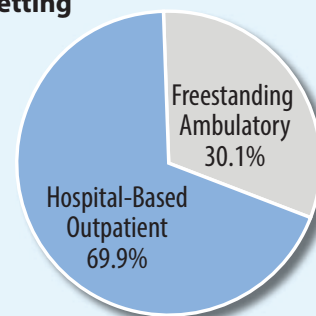
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Centre 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	3,849	65.9%	34.1%	248.0	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	211	87.2%	12.8%	13.6	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	302	89.1%	10.9%	19.5	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	196	55.6%	44.4%	12.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	104	83.7%	16.3%	6.7	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,160	96.5%	3.5%	139.2	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	290	0.7%	99.3%	18.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	259	88.0%	12.0%	16.7	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	268	29.9%	70.1%	17.3	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	454	87.7%	12.3%	29.3	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 Centre 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	Geisinger Endo & SC	1,911 (49.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Mount Nittany SC	1,717 (79.5%)
	Mount Nittany	1,109 (28.8%)		SC Central PA	196 (9.1%)
	Penn State Hershey Endo	514 (13.4%)		*** See footnote	60 (2.8%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Mount Nittany SC	175 (82.9%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Mount Nittany	251 (86.6%)
	Geisinger/Danville	13 (6.2%)		Clearfield	11 (3.8%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	6 (2.8%)		Altoona Regional	9 (3.1%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UOC Surgical Services	156 (51.7%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Mount Nittany SC	215 (83.0%)
	Mount Nittany SC	99 (32.8%)		Geisinger/Danville	13 (5.0%)
	* See footnote	8 (2.6%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	8 (3.1%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Mount Nittany SC	93 (47.4%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Mount Nittany	147 (54.9%)
	Mount Nittany	42 (21.4%)		Mount Nittany SC	50 (18.7%)
	Tyrone	19 (9.7%)		Geisinger Endo & SC	24 (9.0%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Mount Nittany SC	54 (51.9%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	198 (43.6%)
	UOC Surgical Services	23 (22.1%)		Mount Nittany SC	193 (42.5%)
	** See footnote	5 (4.8%)		Mount Nittany	39 (8.6%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations
 NA = Not applicable
 SC = Surgical/surgery center
 When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* Clearfield and Mount Nittany were tied at 8.
 ** Altoona Regional SC, Mount Nittany, and Tyrone were tied at 5.
 *** Laurel Laser/Altoona and Laurel Laser/Brookville were tied at 60.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	28.9%	3.1%	63.5%	4.5%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.7%	28.4%	62.1%	3.8%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	24.8%	5.0%	68.5%	1.7%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	35.2%	2.6%	59.7%	2.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.0%	1.9%	70.2%	1.9%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	76.9%	1.0%	20.7%	1.3%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	20.7%	11.0%	64.1%	4.1%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.4%	22.8%	74.1%	2.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	32.1%	2.6%	57.8%	7.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	12.3%	1.3%	81.9%	4.4%

* 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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