

Chester County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Chester County Residents in FY 2013

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1 in 8. In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Chester County residents (65,116) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 98,656 visits.

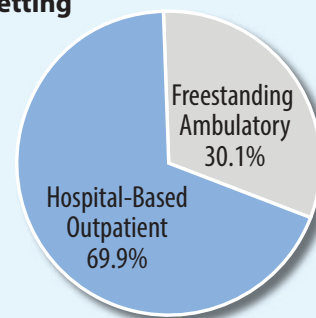
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Chester 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	13,275	71.9%	28.1%	262.1	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	681	77.2%	22.8%	13.4	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	914	57.5%	42.5%	18.0	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	695	9.5%	90.5%	13.7	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	606	45.0%	55.0%	12.0	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,058	87.6%	12.4%	139.3	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	594	0.2%	99.8%	11.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	616	59.9%	40.1%	12.2	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	884	47.6%	52.4%	17.5	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	2,032	52.2%	47.8%	40.1	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 Chester 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	Main Line Endoscopy/West	3,999 (30.1%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Eye SC Chester	2,925 (41.4%)
	Brandywine Vly Endoscopy	1,264 (9.5%)		Eye SC	1,251 (17.7%)
	West Chester Endoscopy	1,263 (9.5%)		Turk's Head SC	672 (9.5%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHOP ASC Exton	371 (54.5%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Chester County	199 (33.5%)
	Turk's Head SC	85 (12.5%)		Main Line Paoli	196 (33.0%)
	Children's Hosp Phila	50 (7.3%)		Phoenixville	50 (8.4%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Turk's Head SC	115 (12.6%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Turk's Head SC	152 (24.7%)
	SC Chester County	110 (12.0%)		CHOP ASC Exton	114 (18.5%)
	Paoli SC	79 (8.6%)		Main Line Paoli	73 (11.9%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Chester County	224 (32.2%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Paoli SC	196 (22.2%)
	Main Line Paoli	157 (22.6%)		Turk's Head SC	147 (16.6%)
	* See footnote	52 (7.5%)		Chester County	112 (12.7%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	AFP SC	121 (20.0%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Paoli SC	435 (21.4%)
	Brandywine	74 (12.2%)		Turk's Head SC	328 (16.1%)
	Main Line Paoli	66 (10.9%)		Main Line Paoli	297 (14.6%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* Main Line Bryn Mawr and Phoenixville were tied at 52.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	31.3%	2.3%	61.2%	5.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.5%	12.3%	69.2%	15.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	35.1%	1.3%	60.8%	2.7%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	30.4%	2.2%	63.0%	4.5%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.9%	2.6%	64.2%	5.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	64.3%	0.9%	33.0%	1.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.7%	5.7%	71.5%	3.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	2.4%	8.4%	79.2%	9.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	28.7%	3.4%	61.8%	6.1%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.9%	1.2%	79.2%	3.7%

* 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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