

Clarion County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Clarion County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Clarion County residents (6,056) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 10,149 visits.

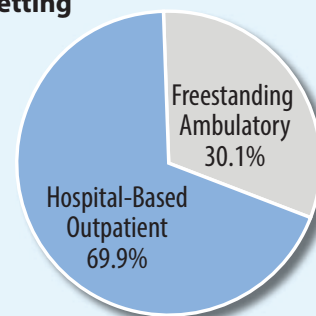
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Clarion 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	1,011	17.1%	82.9%	255.0	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	65	23.1%	76.9%	16.4	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	177	20.9%	79.1%	44.6	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	34	11.8%	88.2%	8.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31	16.1%	83.9%	7.8	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	749	89.3%	10.7%	188.9	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	102	0.0%	100.0%	25.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	101	13.9%	86.1%	25.5	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	78	7.7%	92.3%	19.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	92	7.6%	92.4%	23.2	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 Clarion 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	Clarion	555 (54.9%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Brookville	612 (81.7%)
	Surgery & Laser	129 (12.8%)		Clarion	45 (6.0%)
	Brookville	89 (8.8%)		SC at Benbrook	20 (2.7%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	DuBois Regional	21 (32.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Clarion	53 (52.0%)
	CHP North SC	13 (20.0%)		UPMC Northwest	16 (15.7%)
	Clarion	10 (15.4%)		Brookville	13 (12.7%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Clarion	60 (33.9%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Clarion	33 (32.7%)
	UPMC Northwest	39 (22.0%)		UPMC Northwest	20 (19.8%)
	Western PA SC	17 (9.6%)		Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	16 (15.8%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Clarion	10 (29.4%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Clarion	33 (42.3%)
	UPMC Northwest	6 (17.6%)		Brookville	10 (12.8%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		UPMC Northwest	10 (12.8%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Clarion	16 (51.6%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Clarion	39 (42.4%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		UPMC Northwest	11 (12.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		* See footnote	7 (7.6%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* ACMH and Butler Memorial were tied at 7.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	41.4%	5.5%	47.2%	5.8%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	12.3%	33.8%	40.0%	13.8%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	27.1%	9.0%	53.7%	10.2%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	61.8%	2.9%	35.3%	0.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	32.3%	3.2%	58.1%	6.5%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	78.6%	0.9%	18.6%	1.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	25.5%	8.8%	52.0%	13.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	32.7%	60.4%	6.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	37.2%	5.1%	47.4%	10.3%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.4%	2.2%	66.3%	14.1%

* 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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