

# Columbia County

## Common Outpatient Procedures for Columbia County Residents in FY 2013



**1 in 4.** In FY 2013, 1 in 4 Columbia County residents (16,445) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 31,572 visits.

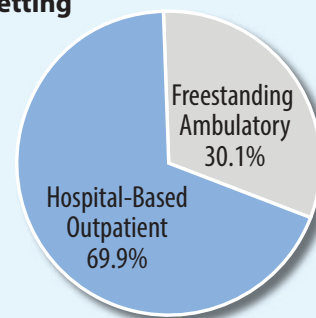
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Columbia 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	1,944	35.0%	65.0%	290.6	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	152	68.4%	31.6%	22.7	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	314	60.5%	39.5%	46.9	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	92	4.3%	95.7%	13.8	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	77	41.6%	58.4%	11.5	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	970	91.5%	8.5%	145.0	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	191	1.0%	99.0%	28.6	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	134	49.3%	50.7%	20.0	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	140	8.6%	91.4%	20.9	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	273	72.9%	27.1%	40.8	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 Columbia 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 OP Woodbine	544 (28.0%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Kingston Ophthalmology	371 (38.2%)
	Geisinger/Danville	483 (24.8%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	311 (32.1%)
	Berwick	378 (19.4%)		Susquehanna SC	83 (8.6%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Susquehanna SC	58 (38.2%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger/Danville	75 (39.3%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	42 (27.6%)		Geisinger-Bloomsburg	70 (36.6%)
	Geisinger/Danville	36 (23.7%)		Berwick	33 (17.3%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Geisinger OP Woodbine	82 (26.1%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Geisinger/Danville	52 (38.8%)
	Susquehanna SC	82 (26.1%)		Susquehanna SC	33 (24.6%)
	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	57 (18.2%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	28 (20.9%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger/Danville	48 (52.2%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	53 (37.9%)
	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	19 (20.7%)		Geisinger/Danville	38 (27.1%)
	Berwick	17 (18.5%)		Berwick	34 (24.3%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Geisinger OP Woodbine	19 (24.7%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Susquehanna SC	106 (38.8%)
	Berwick	18 (23.4%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	59 (21.6%)
	Geisinger/Danville	15 (19.5%)		Geisinger-Bloomsburg	33 (12.1%)

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	34.5%	2.2%	59.8%	3.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	9.9%	23.0%	67.1%	0.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.6%	3.2%	64.0%	2.2%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	29.3%	3.3%	58.7%	8.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	19.5%	7.8%	68.8%	3.9%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	77.5%	0.9%	20.5%	1.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	17.3%	9.9%	68.6%	4.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	22.4%	75.4%	2.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	30.7%	4.3%	56.4%	8.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	18.7%	3.7%	74.7%	2.9%

**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](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.**

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

## About PHC4

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