

Elk County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Elk County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Elk County residents (5,575) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 7,463 visits.

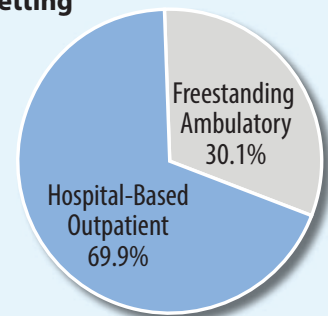
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Elk 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	1,387	25.0%	75.0%	439.6	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	138	5.1%	94.9%	43.7	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	151	34.4%	65.6%	47.9	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	50	16.0%	84.0%	15.8	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	54	22.2%	77.8%	17.1	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	723	83.8%	16.2%	229.2	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	152	0.0%	100.0%	48.2	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	112	19.6%	80.4%	35.5	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	82	18.3%	81.7%	26.0	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	148	50.7%	49.3%	46.9	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 Elk 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	DuBois Regional	441 (31.8%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Regional ASC	375 (51.9%)
	Elk Regional	432 (31.1%)		Laurel Laser/Brookville	227 (31.4%)
	Regional ASC	298 (21.5%)		DuBois Regional	61 (8.4%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	DuBois Regional	88 (63.8%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Elk Regional	87 (57.2%)
	Elk Regional	35 (25.4%)		DuBois Regional	50 (32.9%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Kane Community	8 (5.3%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Elk Regional	80 (53.0%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	DuBois Regional	57 (50.9%)
	Regional ASC	28 (18.5%)		Elk Regional	24 (21.4%)
	UOC Surgical Services	14 (9.3%)		Regional ASC	18 (16.1%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Elk Regional	29 (58.0%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Elk Regional	40 (48.8%)
	DuBois Regional	11 (22.0%)		DuBois Regional	20 (24.4%)
	Regional ASC	5 (10.0%)		Regional ASC	8 (9.8%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Elk Regional	19 (35.2%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	57 (38.5%)
	DuBois Regional	14 (25.9%)		Elk Regional	43 (29.1%)
	UOC Surgical Services	5 (9.3%)		DuBois Regional	17 (11.5%)

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	36.6%	3.7%	55.7%	4.0%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	12.3%	25.4%	55.1%	7.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.5%	9.3%	58.9%	3.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.0%	6.0%	50.0%	8.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	35.2%	1.9%	61.1%	1.9%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	70.0%	1.0%	28.4%	0.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	22.4%	13.2%	58.6%	5.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.9%	20.5%	75.9%	2.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	24.4%	8.5%	61.0%	6.1%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	23.0%	0.7%	66.9%	9.5%

* 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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