

# Erie County

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



**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Erie County residents (40,559) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 59,261 visits.

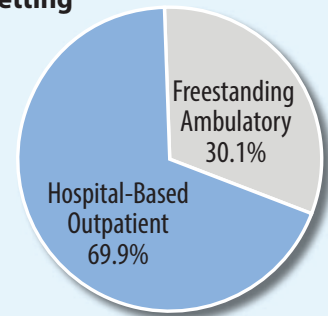
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Erie 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	8,865	82.9%	17.1%	315.9	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	606	88.4%	11.6%	21.6	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	623	86.2%	13.8%	22.2	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	301	28.6%	71.4%	10.7	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	430	85.1%	14.9%	15.3	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	3,866	95.6%	4.4%	137.8	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	958	1.8%	98.2%	34.1	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	793	85.9%	14.1%	28.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	549	35.7%	64.3%	19.6	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	944	83.7%	16.3%	33.6	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 Erie 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	UPMC Hamot SC	4,668 (52.7%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Saint Vincent SC Erie	2,025 (52.4%)
	Saint Vincent Endoscopy	1,877 (21.2%)		Village SC	828 (21.4%)
	Village SC	699 (7.9%)		UPMC Hamot SC	793 (20.5%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Saint Vincent SC Erie	260 (42.9%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Hamot	403 (42.1%)
	UPMC Hamot SC	234 (38.6%)		Saint Vincent Health	370 (38.6%)
	Village SC	32 (5.3%)		Millcreek Community	126 (13.2%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Saint Vincent SC Erie	261 (41.9%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Saint Vincent SC Erie	337 (42.5%)
	UPMC Hamot SC	197 (31.6%)		UPMC Hamot SC	288 (36.3%)
	Village SC	75 (12.0%)		UPMC Hamot	49 (6.2%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Hamot	141 (46.8%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Saint Vincent Health	184 (33.5%)
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	47 (15.6%)		UPMC Hamot SC	163 (29.7%)
	Saint Vincent Health	46 (15.3%)		UPMC Hamot	102 (18.6%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Village SC	196 (45.6%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Saint Vincent SC Erie	385 (40.8%)
	UPMC Hamot SC	124 (28.8%)		Village SC	235 (24.9%)
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	39 (9.1%)		UPMC Hamot SC	164 (17.4%)

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	30.4%	7.9%	59.1%	2.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1.5%	43.1%	53.0%	2.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.7%	10.3%	53.5%	1.6%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.2%	11.6%	46.8%	10.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.3%	6.7%	63.0%	4.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.7%	2.6%	22.4%	1.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	17.1%	18.1%	55.6%	9.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.9%	36.2%	60.0%	2.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.6%	11.5%	56.1%	5.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	19.2%	4.3%	74.0%	2.4%

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

## About PHC4

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