

Fulton County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Fulton County Residents in FY 2013



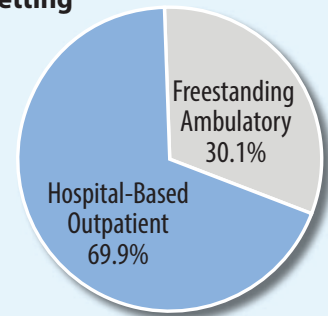
1 in 9. In FY 2013, 1 in 9 Fulton County residents (1,579) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2,187 visits.

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 Fulton 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	366	36.3%	63.7%	247.8	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	27	40.7%	59.3%	18.3	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	52	21.2%	78.8%	35.2	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	19	42.1%	57.9%	12.9	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	5	40.0%	60.0%	3.4	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	196	28.6%	71.4%	132.7	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	56	0.0%	100.0%	37.9	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	36	30.6%	69.4%	24.4	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31	9.7%	90.3%	21.0	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	58	27.6%	72.4%	39.3	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 Fulton 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	Fulton County	187 (51.1%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Fulton County	130 (66.3%)
	Chambersburg Endoscopy	111 (30.3%)		Ludwick Laser & SC	32 (16.3%)
	UPMC Bedford	14 (3.8%)		Roy A. Himelfarb SC	13 (6.6%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	11 (40.7%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Fulton County	23 (41.1%)
	UPMC Bedford	7 (25.9%)		Chambersburg	22 (39.3%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Fulton County	23 (44.2%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	11 (30.6%)
	Chambersburg	9 (17.3%)		Fulton County	8 (22.2%)
	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	8 (15.4%)		UPMC Bedford	7 (19.4%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Chambersburg	9 (47.4%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Fulton County	13 (41.9%)
	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	8 (42.1%)		Chambersburg	12 (38.7%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	<5 (NR)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Fulton County	26 (44.8%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Roy A. Himelfarb SC	10 (17.2%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Chambersburg	8 (13.8%)

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	36.9%	6.6%	49.7%	6.8%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.7%	37.0%	51.9%	7.4%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.8%	21.2%	48.1%	0.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	63.2%	10.5%	26.3%	0.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	75.5%	1.5%	23.0%	0.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	25.0%	16.1%	57.1%	1.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	27.8%	63.9%	8.3%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	45.2%	9.7%	41.9%	3.2%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	31.0%	5.2%	56.9%	6.9%

* 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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