

Huntingdon County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Huntingdon County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Huntingdon County residents (6,267) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 8,806 visits.

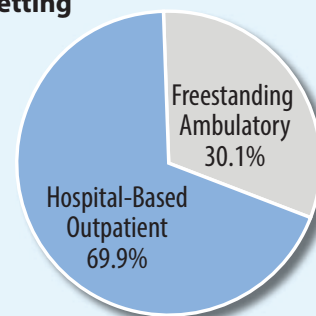
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Huntingdon 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	1,596	20.4%	79.6%	347.4	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	101	22.8%	77.2%	22.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	148	58.1%	41.9%	32.2	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	57	19.3%	80.7%	12.4	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	47	53.2%	46.8%	10.2	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	697	56.0%	44.0%	151.7	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	166	0.0%	100.0%	36.1	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	117	11.1%	88.9%	25.5	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	82	4.9%	95.1%	17.8	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	146	67.1%	32.9%	31.8	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 Huntingdon 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	J C Blair Memorial	1,099 (68.9%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	J C Blair Memorial	168 (24.1%)
	Geisinger Endo & SC	105 (6.6%)		Laurel Laser/Altoona	132 (18.9%)
	Allegheny Reg Endoscopy	88 (5.5%)		Mount Nittany SC	97 (13.9%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	J C Blair Memorial	67 (66.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	J C Blair Memorial	58 (34.9%)
	Mount Nittany SC	7 (6.9%)		Altoona Regional	31 (18.7%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Mount Nittany	21 (12.7%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Altoona Regional SC	34 (23.0%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	J C Blair Memorial	79 (67.5%)
	UOC Surgical Services	29 (19.6%)		Altoona Regional	9 (7.7%)
	J C Blair Memorial	26 (17.6%)		Mount Nittany SC	9 (7.7%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	J C Blair Memorial	15 (26.3%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Altoona Regional	21 (25.6%)
	Tyrone	13 (22.8%)		J C Blair Memorial	18 (22.0%)
	* See footnote	9 (15.8%)		Mount Nittany	12 (14.6%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	J C Blair Memorial	10 (21.3%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	31 (21.2%)
	UOC Surgical Services	9 (19.1%)		Altoona Regional SC	28 (19.2%)
	** See footnote	6 (12.8%)		J C Blair Memorial	20 (13.7%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* Lewistown and Mount Nittany SC were tied at 9.

** Altoona Regional SC and Mount Nittany SC were tied at 6.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	38.1%	5.5%	53.0%	3.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.9%	40.6%	53.5%	0.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.4%	7.4%	58.1%	6.1%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	28.1%	1.8%	64.9%	5.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	40.4%	4.3%	53.2%	2.1%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	77.9%	1.1%	18.8%	2.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	16.3%	9.6%	69.9%	4.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.7%	27.4%	68.4%	2.6%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.8%	3.7%	54.9%	14.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.1%	8.2%	71.2%	3.4%

* 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 and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

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