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

**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Lackawanna County residents (31,805) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 44,700 visits.

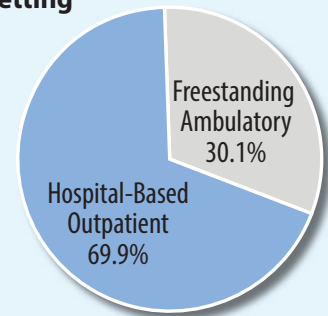
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Lackawanna 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	7,601	85.2%	14.8%	354.4	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	347	53.3%	46.7%	16.2	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	502	73.5%	26.5%	23.4	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	377	8.0%	92.0%	17.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	294	67.3%	32.7%	13.7	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,312	94.8%	5.2%	201.0	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	586	0.0%	100.0%	27.3	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	565	34.0%	66.0%	26.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	360	11.4%	88.6%	16.8	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	553	66.2%	33.8%	25.8	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 Lackawanna 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	Scranton Endoscopy	4,191 (55.1%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	NEI AS	3,715 (86.2%)
	Eynon SC	1,265 (16.6%)		Moses Taylor	212 (4.9%)
	Geisinger-Community	570 (7.5%)		Kingston Ophthalmology	195 (4.5%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	North East SC	107 (30.8%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger-Community	216 (36.9%)
	Geisinger-Community	53 (15.3%)		Regional Scranton	166 (28.3%)
	Regional Scranton	50 (14.4%)		Moses Taylor	117 (20.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	North East SC	330 (65.7%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Regional Scranton	146 (25.8%)
	Geisinger-Community	50 (10.0%)		Geisinger-Community	136 (24.1%)
	Moses Taylor	26 (5.2%)		North East SC	110 (19.5%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger-Community	141 (37.4%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger-Community	128 (35.6%)
	Regional Scranton	108 (28.6%)		Regional Scranton	90 (25.0%)
	Moses Taylor	75 (19.9%)		Moses Taylor	66 (18.3%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	North East SC	115 (39.1%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	North East SC	317 (57.3%)
	Regional Hospital SC	67 (22.8%)		Regional Scranton	105 (19.0%)
	Geisinger-Community	52 (17.7%)		Moses Taylor	33 (6.0%)

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	42.6%	3.6%	52.8%	0.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	4.3%	30.8%	61.7%	3.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.9%	9.4%	56.0%	2.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	37.4%	4.2%	56.2%	2.1%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.2%	6.8%	65.6%	2.4%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	74.7%	2.0%	21.4%	1.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.5%	9.6%	66.4%	4.6%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.7%	24.2%	71.9%	3.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	25.0%	6.9%	65.6%	2.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	12.5%	6.3%	79.7%	1.4%

\* 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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