

# Lancaster County

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



**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Lancaster County residents (70,774) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 104,640 visits.

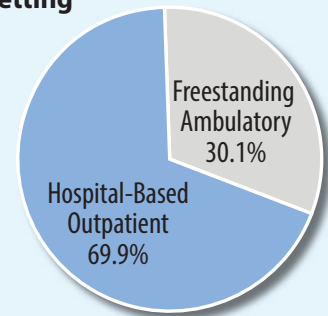
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Lancaster 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	16,761	70.3%	29.7%	318.2	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	962	68.9%	31.1%	18.3	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	2,113	62.5%	37.5%	40.1	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	623	13.3%	86.7%	11.8	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	573	29.7%	70.3%	10.9	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,469	81.1%	18.9%	141.8	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	778	0.0%	100.0%	14.8	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	932	63.3%	36.7%	17.7	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,093	38.0%	62.0%	20.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,874	55.2%	44.8%	35.6	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 Lancaster 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	Lancaster Gastro Center	4,751 (28.3%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Physicians' SC Lancaster	2,842 (38.1%)
	Mid-Atlantic Gastro Ctr	3,237 (19.3%)		SC Lancaster	1,957 (26.2%)
	Mid-Atlantic Gastro II	2,899 (17.3%)		Lancaster General	546 (7.3%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	SC Lancaster	465 (48.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Lancaster General	328 (42.2%)
	Physicians' SC Lancaster	101 (10.5%)		Ephrata Community	162 (20.8%)
	Milton S Hershey	99 (10.3%)		Lancaster Regional	129 (16.6%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC Lancaster	570 (27.0%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	SC Lancaster	461 (49.5%)
	North Pointe SC	392 (18.6%)		Lancaster General	90 (9.7%)
	Lancaster General	284 (13.4%)		Ephrata Community	75 (8.0%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lancaster General	275 (44.1%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Physicians' SC Lancaster	304 (27.8%)
	Heart of Lancaster	98 (15.7%)		Lancaster General	181 (16.6%)
	Ephrata Community	90 (14.4%)		Ephrata Community	174 (15.9%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Lancaster General	317 (55.3%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC Lancaster	459 (24.5%)
	Ephrata Community	48 (8.4%)		Lancaster General	349 (18.6%)
	Foot and Ankle SC	46 (8.0%)		North Pointe SC	340 (18.1%)

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	24.1%	5.4%	62.2%	8.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	12.6%	25.4%	54.9%	7.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.6%	8.7%	53.3%	3.4%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	35.0%	7.5%	53.5%	4.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.9%	5.9%	57.4%	4.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.0%	2.3%	23.5%	3.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.1%	12.6%	57.6%	8.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	5.5%	27.6%	60.6%	6.3%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.4%	5.8%	56.3%	8.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	22.2%	6.5%	66.7%	4.6%

**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.**

\* Includes other government, self-pay and unknown payer.

## About PHC4

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