

Lehigh County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Lehigh County Residents in FY 2013



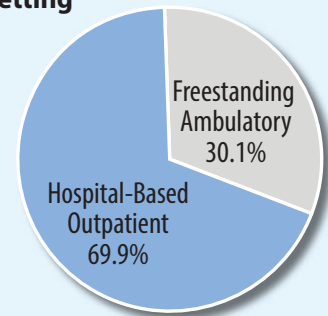
1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Lehigh County residents (48,405) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 78,333 visits.

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 Lehigh 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	10,743	64.1%	35.9%	302.4	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	446	40.8%	59.2%	12.6	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	886	55.2%	44.8%	24.9	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	444	3.4%	96.6%	12.5	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	518	5.4%	94.6%	14.6	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,483	88.1%	11.9%	126.2	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	516	4.5%	95.5%	14.5	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	462	35.7%	64.3%	13.0	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	666	36.6%	63.4%	18.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,074	36.0%	64.0%	30.2	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 Lehigh 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	College Heights Endoscopy	3,145 (29.3%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Valley Eye SC	2,264 (50.5%)
	Lehigh Valley	1,879 (17.5%)		SC of Allentown	679 (15.1%)
	Eastern PA Endoscopy	1,671 (15.6%)		Fairgrounds SC	626 (14.0%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	SC of Allentown	137 (30.7%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Lehigh Valley	239 (46.3%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	115 (25.8%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	109 (21.1%)
	Lehigh Valley	78 (17.5%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	59 (11.4%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC of Allentown	392 (44.2%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	135 (29.2%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	103 (11.6%)		SC of Allentown	124 (26.8%)
	Fairgrounds SC	84 (9.5%)		Lehigh Valley	62 (13.4%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	125 (28.2%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Fairgrounds SC	236 (35.4%)
	Lehigh Valley	108 (24.3%)		Lehigh Valley	165 (24.8%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	71 (16.0%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	111 (16.7%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	St Luke's/Bethlehem	139 (26.8%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC of Allentown	217 (20.2%)
	Lehigh Valley	101 (19.5%)		Lehigh Valley	172 (16.0%)
	Surg Spec/Coordinated	99 (19.1%)		Fairgrounds SC	153 (14.2%)

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	34.3%	3.4%	57.9%	4.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	7.0%	26.7%	63.9%	2.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.2%	4.9%	59.4%	2.6%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.7%	8.3%	52.3%	2.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.1%	6.4%	67.0%	0.6%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.1%	3.4%	21.3%	4.1%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.3%	16.3%	59.3%	3.1%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.6%	28.4%	68.8%	2.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.7%	7.7%	62.6%	3.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.8%	4.1%	77.9%	2.1%

* 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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