

# Luzerne County

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



**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Luzerne County residents (46,743) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 69,105 visits.

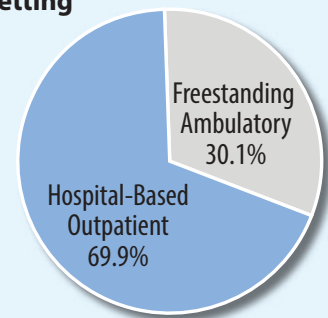
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Luzerne 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	9,122	66.6%	33.4%	284.2	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	578	80.4%	19.6%	18.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	742	69.9%	30.1%	23.1	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	632	54.9%	45.1%	19.7	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	354	80.5%	19.5%	11.0	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,763	98.7%	1.3%	148.4	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	966	0.6%	99.4%	30.1	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	645	73.0%	27.0%	20.1	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	568	34.9%	65.1%	17.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	739	62.7%	37.3%	23.0	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 Luzerne 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	Gateway SC	3,428 (37.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Kingston Ophthalmology	2,576 (54.1%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	1,638 (18.0%)		Hazleton ASC	685 (14.4%)
	Riverview ASC	861 (9.4%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	458 (9.6%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Riverview ASC	127 (22.0%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Wilkes-Barre General	504 (52.2%)
	Surgical Specialty NE PA	80 (13.8%)		Geisinger Wyoming Valley	223 (23.1%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	78 (13.5%)		Hazleton General	90 (9.3%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Surgical Specialty NE PA	113 (15.2%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Riverview ASC	115 (17.8%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	103 (13.9%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	90 (14.0%)
	Center Same Day Surgery	101 (13.6%)		Same Day Geisinger South	87 (13.5%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Surgical Specialty NE PA	272 (43.0%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Wilkes-Barre General	196 (34.5%)
	Wilkes-Barre General	106 (16.8%)		Center Same Day Surgery	61 (10.7%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	86 (13.6%)		Same Day Geisinger South	55 (9.7%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Surgical Specialty NE PA	143 (40.4%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Center Same Day Surgery	132 (17.9%)
	Center Same Day Surgery	72 (20.3%)		Wilkes-Barre General	104 (14.1%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	36 (10.2%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	76 (10.3%)

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	33.9%	2.9%	60.3%	2.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	8.0%	25.8%	64.9%	1.4%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.8%	6.3%	57.3%	2.6%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.8%	7.8%	57.1%	3.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	33.9%	6.5%	55.9%	3.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.2%	2.2%	24.7%	1.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	16.9%	10.0%	71.5%	1.6%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.2%	29.6%	66.7%	2.5%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.9%	8.5%	61.4%	3.2%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13.7%	4.2%	79.3%	2.8%

\* 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.**

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