

# Monroe County

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



**1 in 9.** In FY 2013, 1 in 9 Monroe County residents (17,796) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 26,672 visits.

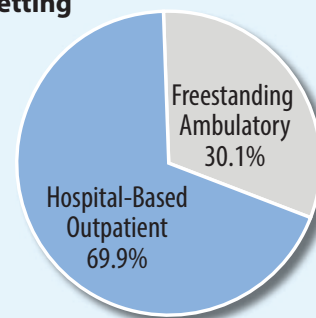
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Monroe 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                        | 4,855                      | 68.1%                            | 31.9%                            | 287.6                               | 325.4      |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum                      | 237                        | 48.9%                            | 51.1%                            | 14.0                                | 17.4       |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 327                        | 61.5%                            | 38.5%                            | 19.4                                | 28.2       |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy          | 205                        | 5.4%                             | 94.6%                            | 12.1                                | 14.2       |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity          | 190                        | 63.7%                            | 36.3%                            | 11.3                                | 12.1       |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens              | 1,712                      | 91.6%                            | 8.4%                             | 101.4                               | 146.2      |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones               | 266                        | 0.4%                             | 99.6%                            | 15.8                                | 19.8       |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids                        | 242                        | 45.0%                            | 55.0%                            | 14.3                                | 19.1       |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin                              | 217                        | 12.0%                            | 88.0%                            | 12.9                                | 18.2       |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage                          | 530                        | 52.3%                            | 47.7%                            | 31.4                                | 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 Monroe County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

|                                                                | Top 3 Facilities         | Number (%)    |                                                  | Top 3 Facilities         | Number (%)  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| • Colonoscopy with/<br>without Biopsy                          | Pocono ASC               | 2,631 (54.2%) | • Removal of Cataract<br>and Insertion of Lens   | Pocono ASC               | 973 (56.8%) |
|                                                                | Pocono                   | 799 (16.5%)   |                                                  | NEI AS                   | 140 (8.2%)  |
|                                                                | Geisinger Wyoming Valley | 206 (4.2%)    |                                                  | Pocono                   | 120 (7.0%)  |
| • Incision and<br>Drainage of Ear<br>Drum                      | Pocono                   | 56 (23.6%)    | • Removal of<br>Gallbladder and/or<br>Gallstones | Pocono                   | 161 (60.5%) |
|                                                                | Pocono ASC               | 51 (21.5%)    |                                                  | Palmerton                | 19 (7.1%)   |
|                                                                | * See footnote           | 21 (8.9%)     |                                                  | St Luke's/Bethlehem      | 18 (6.8%)   |
| • Release of Carpal<br>Tunnel and Other<br>Nerves in Arms/Legs | Pocono ASC               | 113 (34.6%)   | • Removal of Tonsils<br>and Adenoids             | Pocono ASC               | 43 (17.8%)  |
|                                                                | East Stroudsburg ASC     | 37 (11.3%)    |                                                  | St Luke's/Bethlehem      | 31 (12.8%)  |
|                                                                | Pocono                   | 28 (8.6%)     |                                                  | Same Day Geisinger South | 29 (12.0%)  |
| • Removal of Breast<br>Tumor or Partial<br>Mastectomy          | Pocono                   | 117 (57.1%)   | • Repair of Hernia in<br>Groin                   | Pocono                   | 105 (48.4%) |
|                                                                | St Luke's/Anderson       | 18 (8.8%)     |                                                  | Lehigh Valley            | 16 (7.4%)   |
|                                                                | Geisinger Wyoming Valley | 12 (5.9%)     |                                                  | St Luke's/Bethlehem      | 12 (5.5%)   |
| • Removal of Bunion<br>and Repair of Toe<br>Deformity          | Pocono ASC               | 69 (36.3%)    | • Repair of Torn Knee<br>Cartilage               | Pocono ASC               | 167 (31.5%) |
|                                                                | Pocono                   | 24 (12.6%)    |                                                  | Coordinated Health Ortho | 84 (15.8%)  |
|                                                                | Regional Hospital SC     | 23 (12.1%)    |                                                  | Pocono                   | 74 (14.0%)  |

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

\* Center for Specialized and St Luke's/Bethlehem were tied at 21.

## Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

|                                                        | Medicare | Medicaid | Commercial | Other* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|--------|
| Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy                        | 34.5%    | 3.5%     | 56.0%      | 6.0%   |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum                      | 8.4%     | 24.5%    | 62.4%      | 4.6%   |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 30.0%    | 9.5%     | 57.8%      | 2.8%   |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy          | 28.3%    | 5.4%     | 62.4%      | 3.9%   |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity          | 28.4%    | 6.8%     | 61.6%      | 3.2%   |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens              | 73.5%    | 1.9%     | 20.1%      | 4.5%   |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones               | 20.3%    | 15.0%    | 60.9%      | 3.8%   |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids                        | 1.7%     | 25.2%    | 64.5%      | 8.7%   |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin                              | 29.5%    | 9.7%     | 59.4%      | 1.4%   |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage                          | 21.9%    | 4.7%     | 70.6%      | 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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