

# Montgomery County

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



**1 in 7.** In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Montgomery County residents (113,604) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 172,520 visits.

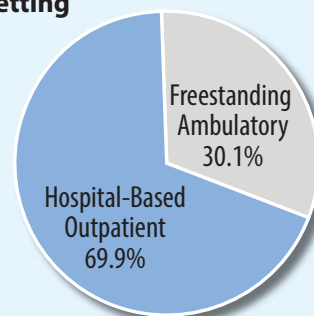
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Montgomery 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	28,373	74.5%	25.5%	351.0	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1,592	69.1%	30.9%	19.7	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,533	44.4%	55.6%	19.0	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	1,462	19.3%	80.7%	18.1	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	929	36.9%	63.1%	11.5	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	13,711	82.4%	17.6%	169.6	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	860	0.3%	99.7%	10.6	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1,159	44.0%	56.0%	14.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,542	22.4%	77.6%	19.1	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	2,576	49.1%	50.9%	31.9	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 Montgomery 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	Abington Endoscopy	3,585 (12.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Eye SC	3,757 (27.4%)
	Springfield ASC	3,580 (12.6%)		Montgomery SC	1,417 (10.3%)
	Endoscopy Center	1,795 (6.3%)		Wills Eye SC Plymouth Mtg	1,356 (9.9%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	ASC Bucks County	402 (25.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Abington Memorial	198 (23.0%)
	CHOP ASC Exton	332 (20.9%)		Grand View	135 (15.7%)
	Abington SC	204 (12.8%)		Phoenixville	68 (7.9%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	New Britain SC	181 (11.8%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	ASC Bucks County	164 (14.2%)
	Abington SC	110 (7.2%)		Children's Hosp Phila	122 (10.5%)
	Physicians Care	101 (6.6%)		Blue Bell SC	105 (9.1%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Abington SC	183 (12.5%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Abington SC	171 (11.1%)
	Phoenixville	129 (8.8%)		Lansdale	167 (10.8%)
	Grand View	108 (7.4%)		Grand View	137 (8.9%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	New Britain SC	101 (10.9%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	New Britain SC	385 (14.9%)
	Pottstown Memorial	91 (9.8%)		Blue Bell SC	238 (9.2%)
	Pennsylvania	58 (6.2%)		Penn Presbyterian	118 (4.6%)

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	27.6%	1.7%	67.6%	3.1%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.0%	14.1%	67.6%	13.3%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.0%	2.7%	61.0%	3.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.9%	2.5%	62.0%	3.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	28.2%	2.5%	66.5%	2.8%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	67.4%	1.5%	27.9%	3.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	18.0%	4.8%	74.8%	2.4%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.3%	13.5%	77.9%	8.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	28.9%	2.9%	63.9%	4.3%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.5%	1.7%	78.1%	5.7%

\* 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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