Montour County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Montour County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Montour County residents (2,574) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 3,330 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.



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

Freestanding Ambulatory 30.1%
Hospital-Based Outpatient 69.9%

This report focuses on 10 outpatient procedures commonly performed in PA, with specific data shown for Montour Co.

	Total for	% Freestanding	% Hospital	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
Common Outpatient Procedures	County Residents	Ambulatory Center	Outpatient Department	County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	803	55.4%	44.6%	437.5	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	40	55.0%	45.0%	21.8	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	51	58.8%	41.2%	27.8	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	25	0.0%	100.0%	13.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27	70.4%	29.6%	14.7	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	262	87.4%	12.6%	142.7	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	71	4.2%	95.8%	38.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	41	41.5%	58.5%	22.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	55	12.7%	87.3%	30.0	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	64	68.8%	31.3%	34.9	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 Montour 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	Geisinger OP Woodbine	402 (50.1%)	 Removal of Cataract 	Geisinger OP Woodbine	144 (55.0%)
	Geisinger/Danville	329 (41.0%)	and Insertion of Lens	SC Central PA	62 (23.7%)
	Central PA Endoscopy Ctr	33 (4.1%)		Geisinger/Danville	31 (11.8%)
J	Geisinger OP Woodbine	17 (42.5%)	 Removal of 	Geisinger/Danville	55 (77.5%)
	Geisinger/Danville	14 (35.0%)	Gallbladder and/or	Evangelical Community	7 (9.9%)
	NR	<5 (NR)	Gallstones	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	5 (7.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Geisinger OP Woodbine	23 (45.1%)	 Removal of Tonsils 	Geisinger/Danville	21 (51.2%)
	Geisinger/Danville	14 (27.5%)	and Adenoids	Geisinger OP Woodbine	12 (29.3%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Breast	Geisinger/Danville	20 (80.0%)	 Repair of Hernia in 	Geisinger/Danville	39 (70.9%)
Tumor or Partial	NR	<5 (NR)	Groin	Geisinger OP Woodbine	7 (12.7%)
Mastectomy	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Geisinger OP Woodbine	13 (48.1%)	 Repair of Torn Knee 	Geisinger OP Woodbine	34 (53.1%)
	Geisinger/Danville	5 (18.5%)	Cartilage Geisinger/Danville		16 (25.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)

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	33.3%	1.2%	62.4%	3.1%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	35.3%	7.8%	56.9%	0.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.0%	0.0%	56.0%	8.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.9%	11.1%	59.3%	3.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.7%	0.4%	24.4%	1.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	14.1%	7.0%	78.9%	0.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	24.4%	75.6%	0.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	38.2%	1.8%	54.5%	5.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	18.8%	3.1%	75.0%	3.1%

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