

Northampton County



Common Outpatient Procedures for Northampton County Residents in FY 2013

1 in 5. In FY 2013, 1 in 5 Northampton County residents (58,041) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 103,919 visits.

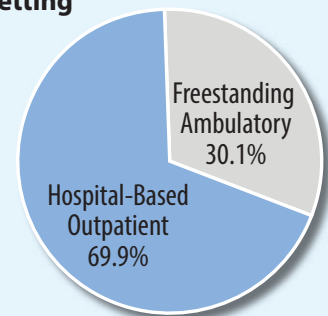
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Northampton 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	12,907	56.6%	43.4%	431.3	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	494	46.6%	53.4%	16.5	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	859	30.8%	69.2%	28.7	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	465	3.0%	97.0%	15.5	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	443	14.9%	85.1%	14.8	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	3,889	88.2%	11.8%	130.0	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	606	1.3%	98.7%	20.2	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	465	30.5%	69.5%	15.5	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	629	13.5%	86.5%	21.0	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,156	20.2%	79.8%	38.6	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 Northampton 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	Twin Rivers Endoscopy	2,876 (22.3%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Center for Specialized Valley Eye SC	1,576 (40.5%)
	Bethlehem Endoscopy	2,343 (18.2%)		SC of Allentown	1,095 (28.2%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	1,742 (13.5%)		336 (8.6%)	
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Center for Specialized	169 (34.2%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	St Luke's/Bethlehem	159 (26.2%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	153 (31.0%)		Easton	143 (23.6%)
	SC of Allentown	46 (9.3%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	119 (19.6%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Coordinated Health Ortho	221 (25.7%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	159 (34.2%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	182 (21.2%)		Center for Specialized	96 (20.6%)
	SC of Allentown	180 (21.0%)		St Luke's/Anderson	53 (11.4%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	116 (24.9%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	St Luke's/Bethlehem	172 (27.3%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	92 (19.8%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	104 (16.5%)
	Easton	86 (18.5%)		Easton	75 (11.9%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	St Luke's/Bethlehem	117 (26.4%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Coordinated Health Ortho	410 (35.5%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	78 (17.6%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	127 (11.0%)
	Surg Spec/Coordinated	59 (13.3%)		* See footnote	86 (7.4%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* St Luke's/Bethlehem and Surg Spec/Coordinated were tied at 86.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	35.9%	2.1%	60.3%	1.7%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	10.1%	21.1%	67.2%	1.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	32.4%	5.7%	60.3%	1.6%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	28.8%	7.3%	62.6%	1.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.0%	5.4%	68.4%	0.2%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	66.6%	1.4%	28.3%	3.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	24.4%	8.9%	63.7%	3.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.9%	19.8%	76.6%	2.8%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31.0%	6.2%	60.3%	2.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.7%	4.1%	79.7%	0.6%

* 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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