

Northumberland County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Northumberland County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Northumberland County residents (13,678) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 18,680 visits.

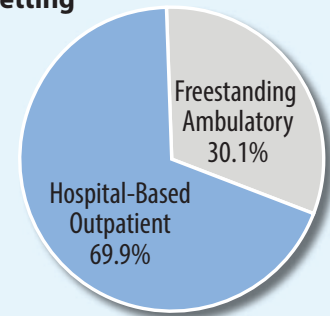
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Northumberland 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	3,502	47.2%	52.8%	370.9	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	189	59.8%	40.2%	20.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	358	52.8%	47.2%	37.9	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	108	0.0%	100.0%	11.4	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	110	59.1%	40.9%	11.6	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,703	82.2%	17.8%	180.3	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	367	1.1%	98.9%	38.9	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	213	46.5%	53.5%	22.6	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	204	9.8%	90.2%	21.6	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	264	59.1%	40.9%	28.0	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 Northumberland 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/Danville	1,317 (37.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Central PA	749 (44.0%)
	Central PA Endoscopy Ctr	807 (23.0%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	275 (16.1%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	609 (17.4%)		Geisinger/Danville	235 (13.8%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	SC Central PA	54 (28.6%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger/Danville	216 (58.9%)
	Geisinger/Danville	44 (23.3%)		Evangelical Community	81 (22.1%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	43 (22.8%)		Sunbury Community	55 (15.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Evangelical ASC	97 (27.1%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Geisinger/Danville	67 (31.5%)
	Geisinger/Danville	86 (24.0%)		SC Central PA	60 (28.2%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	72 (20.1%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	30 (14.1%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger/Danville	51 (47.2%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger/Danville	107 (52.5%)
	Evangelical Community	42 (38.9%)		Evangelical Community	41 (20.1%)
	Sunbury Community	7 (6.5%)		Sunbury Community	28 (13.7%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Brookpark SC	37 (33.6%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Evangelical ASC	78 (29.5%)
	Geisinger/Danville	28 (25.5%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	57 (21.6%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	21 (19.1%)		Geisinger/Danville	55 (20.8%)

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	39.5%	2.9%	53.3%	4.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	6.3%	32.3%	59.8%	1.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	36.0%	4.7%	54.2%	5.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	38.9%	6.5%	52.8%	1.9%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.8%	10.0%	55.5%	2.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	69.2%	1.4%	28.1%	1.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.9%	18.5%	58.0%	3.5%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.4%	24.9%	70.4%	3.3%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	23.0%	10.8%	59.8%	6.4%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	11.7%	4.2%	73.1%	11.0%

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.

* Includes other government, self-pay and unknown payer.

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