

Philadelphia County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Philadelphia County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 8. In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Philadelphia County residents (202,874) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 321,654 visits.

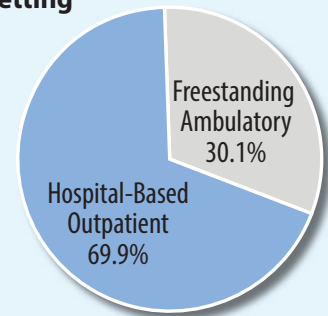
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Philadelphia 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	43,440	44.4%	55.6%	280.7	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	2,015	17.2%	82.8%	13.0	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	2,263	29.0%	71.0%	14.6	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	2,496	8.9%	91.1%	16.1	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	1,614	20.6%	79.4%	10.4	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	14,470	76.9%	23.1%	93.5	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	1,135	0.1%	99.9%	7.3	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	2,361	7.7%	92.3%	15.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,915	4.6%	95.4%	12.4	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	2,270	20.3%	79.7%	14.7	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 Philadelphia 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	Thomas Jefferson Univ	4,093 (9.4%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Wills Surgical Ctr City	1,854 (12.8%)
	Temple University	3,908 (9.0%)		Liberty Eye SC	1,802 (12.5%)
	Albert Einstein	3,094 (7.1%)		Wills SC Northeast	1,360 (9.4%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	St Christopher's Children	935 (46.4%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Aria Health	155 (13.7%)
	Children's Hosp Phila	409 (20.3%)		Temple University	152 (13.4%)
	Thomas Jefferson Univ	101 (5.0%)		Albert Einstein	129 (11.4%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Methodist Division/TJUH	321 (14.2%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Christopher's Children	1,263 (53.5%)
	Philadelphia Surgical Ctr	218 (9.6%)		Children's Hosp Phila	317 (13.4%)
	Penn Presbyterian	194 (8.6%)		Thomas Jefferson Univ	225 (9.5%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Albert Einstein	446 (17.9%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Children's Hosp Phila	165 (8.6%)
	Hospital University PA	261 (10.5%)		Thomas Jefferson Univ	160 (8.4%)
	Thomas Jefferson Univ	237 (9.5%)		Aria Health	153 (8.0%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Penn Presbyterian	206 (12.8%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Penn Presbyterian	315 (13.9%)
	Aria Health	195 (12.1%)		Aria Health	191 (8.4%)
	Jeanes	152 (9.4%)		Main Line Lankenau	174 (7.7%)

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	28.7%	14.9%	50.3%	6.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	4.8%	56.3%	33.7%	5.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	27.7%	17.7%	53.2%	1.4%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	30.0%	22.3%	42.8%	4.8%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	22.0%	33.1%	43.2%	1.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	67.8%	7.5%	23.0%	1.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	20.2%	29.6%	48.8%	1.4%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.8%	64.0%	31.4%	3.8%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.7%	27.4%	42.8%	3.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.4%	14.1%	67.9%	2.6%

* 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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