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Common Outpatient Procedures for Potter County Residents in FY 2013

1 in 8. In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Potter County residents (2,202) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 3,064 visits.

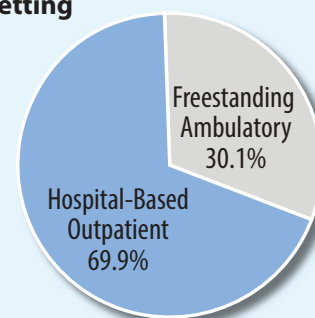
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Potter 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	556	4.9%	95.1%	316.3	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	35	8.6%	91.4%	19.9	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	58	3.4%	96.6%	33.0	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	22	0.0%	100.0%	12.5	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27	0.0%	100.0%	15.4	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	240	32.1%	67.9%	136.5	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	51	0.0%	100.0%	29.0	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	52	7.7%	92.3%	29.6	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	40	7.5%	92.5%	22.8	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	57	1.8%	98.2%	32.4	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 Potter 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	Charles Cole Memorial	485 (87.2%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Charles Cole Memorial	160 (66.7%)
	Bradford Regional	23 (4.1%)		Regional ASC	58 (24.2%)
	Guthrie Clinic	16 (2.9%)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Charles Cole Memorial	11 (31.4%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Charles Cole Memorial	41 (80.4%)
	Bradford Regional	9 (25.7%)		NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Charles Cole Memorial	54 (93.1%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Charles Cole Memorial	30 (57.7%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Geisinger/Danville	5 (9.6%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Charles Cole Memorial	19 (86.4%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Charles Cole Memorial	30 (75.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Charles Cole Memorial	27 (100%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Charles Cole Memorial	55 (96.5%)
	(none)	NA (NA)		NR	<5 (NR)
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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	35.6%	9.0%	53.4%	2.0%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	11.4%	37.1%	31.4%	20.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.5%	13.8%	51.7%	0.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	40.9%	13.6%	40.9%	4.5%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	33.3%	14.8%	48.1%	3.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	66.3%	2.1%	31.7%	0.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.6%	17.6%	47.1%	13.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	38.5%	53.8%	7.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	37.5%	12.5%	47.5%	2.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.5%	12.3%	66.7%	3.5%

* 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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