

# Schuylkill County

## Common Outpatient Procedures for Schuylkill County Residents in FY 2013



**1 in 6.** In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Schuylkill County residents (25,035) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 39,651 visits.

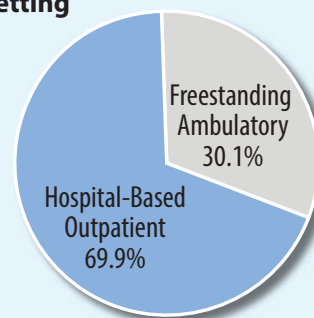
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Schuylkill 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	5,136	80.5%	19.5%	349.2	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	416	32.9%	67.1%	28.3	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	647	57.0%	43.0%	44.0	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	265	13.6%	86.4%	18.0	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	131	50.4%	49.6%	8.9	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,696	98.0%	2.0%	183.3	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	353	15.9%	84.1%	24.0	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	374	31.0%	69.0%	25.4	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	330	34.2%	65.8%	22.4	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	525	47.6%	52.4%	35.7	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 Schuylkill 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	Schuylkill Endoscopy	2,957 (57.6%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Pottsville	897 (33.3%)
	SC Pottsville	313 (6.1%)		Progressive Surgical Inst	744 (27.6%)
	Schuylkill-South Jackson	276 (5.4%)		Mahoning Valley ASC	547 (20.3%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Schuylkill-South Jackson	243 (58.4%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Schuylkill-East Norwegian	99 (28.0%)
	SC Pottsville	91 (21.9%)		Schuylkill-South Jackson	88 (24.9%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	13 (3.1%)		SC Pottsville	55 (15.6%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC Pottsville	93 (14.4%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Schuylkill-South Jackson	209 (55.9%)
	Schuylkill-South Jackson	92 (14.2%)		SC Pottsville	71 (19.0%)
	Keystone SC	64 (9.9%)		Center for Advanced Surg	15 (4.0%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Schuylkill-South Jackson	119 (44.9%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	SC Pottsville	81 (24.5%)
	Schuylkill-East Norwegian	15 (5.7%)		Schuylkill-South Jackson	73 (22.1%)
	* See footnote	14 (5.3%)		Schuylkill-East Norwegian	43 (13.0%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Schuylkill-South Jackson	21 (16.0%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Schuylkill-South Jackson	109 (20.8%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	20 (15.3%)		SC Pottsville	73 (13.9%)
	Reading ASC	14 (10.7%)		Reading ASC	57 (10.9%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

\* Reading and SC Pottsville were tied at 14.

## Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	35.5%	2.9%	56.2%	5.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	7.7%	26.2%	63.9%	2.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.1%	6.8%	63.1%	2.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	32.1%	5.3%	60.8%	1.9%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.2%	1.5%	69.5%	3.8%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.9%	1.5%	25.9%	0.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	20.4%	11.9%	62.6%	5.1%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.3%	21.1%	75.7%	1.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31.5%	4.2%	57.6%	6.7%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.9%	5.3%	74.5%	2.3%

\* 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](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.**

## About PHC4

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