

Sullivan County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Sullivan County Residents in FY 2013

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1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Sullivan County residents (1,012) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 1,385 visits.

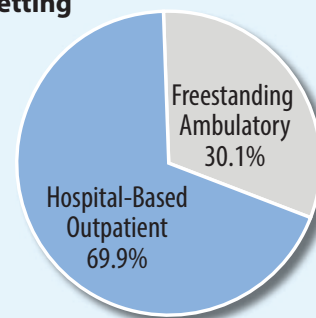
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Sullivan 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	231	64.5%	35.5%	357.5	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	<5	NR	NR	NR	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	21	19.0%	81.0%	32.5	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	7	0.0%	100.0%	10.8	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	<5	NR	NR	NR	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	119	53.8%	46.2%	184.2	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	11	0.0%	100.0%	17.0	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	13	7.7%	92.3%	20.1	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	13	0.0%	100.0%	20.1	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13	38.5%	61.5%	20.1	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.

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

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 Sullivan 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	Guthrie Clinic	88 (38.1%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Robert Packer	51 (42.9%)
	Susquehanna Endoscopy	46 (19.9%)		SC Central PA	49 (41.2%)
	Memorial/Towanda	44 (19.0%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	9 (7.6%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	<5 (NR)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
	(none)	NA (NA)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Robert Packer	9 (42.9%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Memorial/Towanda	5 (38.5%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	NR	<5 (NR)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger/Danville	6 (46.2%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Robert Packer	5 (38.5%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	<5 (NR)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
	(none)	NA (NA)		NR	<5 (NR)

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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	40.3%	4.8%	50.2%	4.8%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	NR	NR	NR
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.6%	9.5%	57.1%	4.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	57.1%	14.3%	28.6%	0.0%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	NR	NR	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	87.4%	0.0%	11.8%	0.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	54.5%	9.1%	36.4%	0.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	38.5%	61.5%	0.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	46.2%	0.0%	53.8%	0.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	0.0%	7.7%	84.6%	7.7%

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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