

# Susquehanna County

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

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**1 in 10.** In FY 2013, 1 in 10 Susquehanna County residents (4,176) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 5,828 visits.

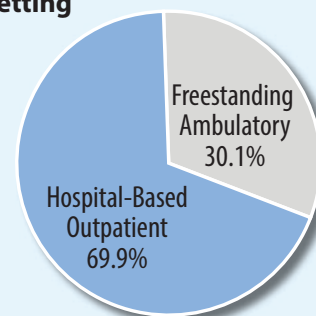
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Susquehanna 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	1,213	55.1%	44.9%	284.1	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	67	28.4%	71.6%	15.7	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	86	47.7%	52.3%	20.1	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	23	4.3%	95.7%	5.4	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	39	48.7%	51.3%	9.1	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	563	89.2%	10.8%	131.9	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	89	0.0%	100.0%	20.8	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	85	16.5%	83.5%	19.9	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	58	6.9%	93.1%	13.6	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	79	27.8%	72.2%	18.5	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 Susquehanna 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	Eynon SC	263 (21.7%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	NEI AS	468 (83.1%)
	Endless Mountains	214 (17.6%)		Robert Packer	35 (6.2%)
	Barnes-Kasson County	188 (15.5%)		Kingston Ophthalmology	14 (2.5%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Tyler Memorial	21 (31.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Wayne Memorial	22 (24.7%)
	Moses Taylor	10 (14.9%)		Geisinger-Community	18 (20.2%)
	North East SC	9 (13.4%)		Regional Scranton	11 (12.4%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	North East SC	35 (40.7%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Tyler Memorial	20 (23.5%)
	Endless Mountains	12 (14.0%)		Regional Scranton	14 (16.5%)
	Tyler Memorial	6 (7.0%)		Moses Taylor	10 (11.8%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Regional Scranton	10 (43.5%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Barnes-Kasson County	12 (20.7%)
	Moses Taylor	5 (21.7%)		Moses Taylor	8 (13.8%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Tyler Memorial	8 (13.8%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	North East SC	11 (28.2%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Endless Mountains	23 (29.1%)
	Regional Hospital SC	8 (20.5%)		North East SC	20 (25.3%)
	* See footnote	6 (15.4%)		Wayne Memorial	9 (11.4%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

\* Endless Mountains and Geisinger-Community were tied at 6.

## Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	36.0%	4.3%	57.3%	2.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.0%	43.3%	46.3%	7.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	32.6%	10.5%	53.5%	3.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	39.1%	13.0%	39.1%	8.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.6%	7.7%	56.4%	10.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	79.8%	1.2%	17.9%	1.1%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	15.7%	16.9%	64.0%	3.4%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	31.8%	63.5%	4.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	25.9%	6.9%	63.8%	3.4%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	12.7%	10.1%	72.2%	5.1%

\* 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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