

Union County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Union County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Union County residents (7,236) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 10,109 visits.

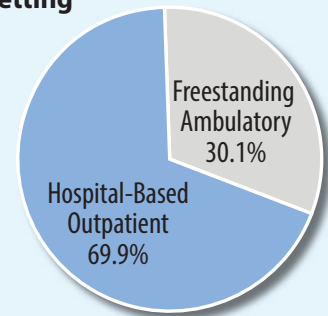
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Union 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	1,774	80.8%	19.2%	394.6	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	78	52.6%	47.4%	17.4	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	167	68.3%	31.7%	37.2	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	43	0.0%	100.0%	9.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	47	80.9%	19.1%	10.5	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	955	97.9%	2.1%	212.4	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	109	0.0%	100.0%	24.2	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	82	57.3%	42.7%	18.2	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	84	7.1%	92.9%	18.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	126	73.8%	26.2%	28.0	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 Union 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	Central PA Endoscopy Ctr	930 (52.4%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Central PA	691 (72.4%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	196 (11.0%)		Betz Ophthalmology	196 (20.5%)
	Evangelical ASC	160 (9.0%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	38 (4.0%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Evangelical Community	30 (38.5%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Evangelical Community	96 (88.1%)
	SC Central PA	30 (38.5%)		Geisinger/Danville	12 (11.0%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	11 (14.1%)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Evangelical ASC	89 (53.3%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	SC Central PA	39 (47.6%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	23 (13.8%)		Evangelical Community	27 (32.9%)
	Evangelical Community	22 (13.2%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	7 (8.5%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Evangelical Community	36 (83.7%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Evangelical Community	60 (71.4%)
	Geisinger/Danville	7 (16.3%)		Geisinger/Danville	17 (20.2%)
	(none)	NA (NA)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Brookpark SC	25 (53.2%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Evangelical ASC	56 (44.4%)
	Evangelical ASC	10 (21.3%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	34 (27.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Evangelical Community	14 (11.1%)

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	34.5%	2.5%	48.6%	14.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.8%	20.5%	71.8%	3.8%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	29.9%	5.4%	49.1%	15.6%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	39.5%	7.0%	51.2%	2.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.9%	0.0%	44.7%	23.4%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	66.1%	1.4%	31.0%	1.6%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.3%	12.8%	60.6%	7.3%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.0%	28.0%	70.7%	1.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	27.4%	3.6%	53.6%	15.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.1%	2.4%	72.2%	10.3%

* 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 and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

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