

Westmoreland County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Westmoreland County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 7. In FY 2013, 1 in 7 Westmoreland County residents (54,947) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 80,549 visits.

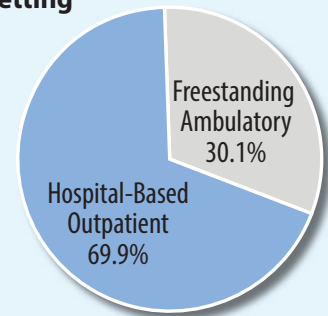
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Westmoreland 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	14,425	33.3%	66.7%	397.0	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	707	50.1%	49.9%	19.5	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,515	55.9%	44.1%	41.7	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	517	17.8%	82.2%	14.2	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	498	46.4%	53.6%	13.7	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,009	75.4%	24.6%	192.9	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	825	0.7%	99.3%	22.7	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	832	33.8%	66.2%	22.9	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	755	10.6%	89.4%	20.8	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	980	33.8%	66.2%	27.0	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 Westmoreland County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

Top 3 Facilities			Top 3 Facilities		
		Number (%)			Number (%)
• Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	2,920 (20.2%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	20/20 SC	2,115 (30.2%)
	Latrobe Area	2,281 (15.8%)		Mt Pleasant SC	594 (8.5%)
	Excelsa Health Norwin	1,532 (10.6%)		Latrobe Area	575 (8.2%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	279 (39.5%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	193 (23.4%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	170 (24.0%)		Latrobe Area	160 (19.4%)
	Laurel Surgical Center	63 (8.9%)		UPMC St Margaret	74 (9.0%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	282 (18.6%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	223 (26.8%)
	Excelsa Health Norwin	215 (14.2%)		CHP North SC	172 (20.7%)
	Latrobe Area	178 (11.7%)		Laurel Surgical Center	89 (10.7%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	118 (22.8%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	210 (27.8%)
	Latrobe Area	74 (14.3%)		Latrobe Area	136 (18.0%)
	UPMC Monroeville SC	69 (13.3%)		Forbes Regional	49 (6.5%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Latrobe Area	81 (16.3%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	151 (15.4%)
	Excelsa Health Norwin	66 (13.3%)		Forbes Regional	96 (9.8%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	59 (11.8%)		* See footnote	83 (8.5%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/surgery center

When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

* Laurel Surgical Center and UPMC Mercy South Side SC were tied at 83.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	35.9%	4.2%	53.5%	6.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	6.9%	34.2%	50.4%	8.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.3%	6.7%	53.2%	9.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.6%	5.0%	48.4%	10.1%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.1%	7.8%	58.0%	7.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	68.2%	2.5%	26.1%	3.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.8%	9.1%	57.2%	11.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.9%	25.2%	61.8%	11.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31.7%	5.0%	56.2%	7.2%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13.5%	7.7%	67.6%	11.3%

* 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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