

Allegheny County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Allegheny County Residents in FY 2015



This brief focuses on 12 outpatient procedures commonly performed in Pennsylvania, with specific data shown for Allegheny County.

1 in 17 County Residents. In FY 2015, 74,255 (1 in 17) Allegheny County residents underwent at least one of the following 12 common outpatient procedures in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient visits, for a total of 89,646 visits for these procedures.

Common Outpatient Procedures	Procedure Count for County Residents	% Freestanding Ambulatory Center	% Hospital Outpatient Department	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
				County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	39,406	46.8%	53.2%	320.0	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	2,064	8.5%	91.5%	16.8	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1,888	51.9%	48.1%	15.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	12,022	34.9%	65.1%	97.6	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	3,889	51.2%	48.8%	31.6	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	1,582	12.7%	87.3%	12.8	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	1,260	45.2%	54.8%	10.2	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	18,107	70.9%	29.1%	147.1	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	2,249	0.2%	99.8%	18.3	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	2,087	29.9%	70.1%	17.0	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	2,218	8.7%	91.3%	18.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	3,311	37.3%	62.7%	26.9	27.6

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

Statewide, 801,686 PA residents had at least one of these outpatient procedures, and about 16% of residents had several visits, for a total of 972,061 outpatient visits for these 12 procedures for PA residents.

PA Health Care Cost Containment Council



PHC4's outpatient procedure data, available through its special request program, is an important resource for data users in studying issues such as access to care, cost and reimbursements, community need, and strategic planning.

Where did Allegheny County residents have these outpatient procedures?

Includes data from FY 2014 through FY 2015 to maximize reporting

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	UPMC Presby Shadyside	8,651 (11.0%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	359 (14.0%)
	UPMC Passavant	7,243 (9.2%)		UPMC Passavant	235 (9.1%)
	Waterfront SC	6,584 (8.4%)		UPMC Mercy South Side SC	197 (7.7%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	St Clair Memorial	567 (14.1%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Associates SC	4,008 (11.1%)
	UPMC Presby Shadyside	400 (10.0%)		Mt Lebanon SC	3,904 (10.8%)
	Jefferson	337 (8.4%)		UPMC Presby Shadyside	2,653 (7.3%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	1,912 (51.8%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Jefferson	822 (17.6%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	912 (24.7%)		St Clair Memorial	594 (12.7%)
	Allegheny General	199 (5.4%)		UPMC Passavant	438 (9.4%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	UPMC Presby Shadyside	5,155 (20.5%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	1,210 (28.1%)
	UPMC St Margaret	3,066 (12.2%)		CHP North SC	1,185 (27.5%)
	Allegheny General	2,285 (9.1%)		UPMC Mercy	339 (7.9%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	1,377 (17.7%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	UPMC Presby Shadyside	527 (11.7%)
	UPMC Presby Shadyside	983 (12.6%)		Jefferson	494 (11.0%)
	Western PA SC	596 (7.7%)		St Clair Memorial	477 (10.6%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Magee Womens/UPMC	997 (31.3%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Allegheny General	734 (10.9%)
	St Clair Memorial	298 (9.4%)		UPMC Passavant	637 (9.4%)
	Allegheny General	271 (8.5%)		UPMC Mercy South Side SC	584 (8.7%)

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NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

Common outpatient procedures among county residents, by anticipated payer in FY 2015

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	30.5%	4.9%	51.3%	13.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	31.1%	7.2%	49.1%	12.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	2.1%	27.1%	49.4%	21.4%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	40.9%	7.3%	40.0%	11.8%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.2%	6.4%	48.7%	14.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	34.5%	5.9%	43.4%	16.1%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.4%	7.1%	53.1%	14.4%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	65.7%	2.8%	26.4%	5.1%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.1%	9.7%	56.2%	13.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.1%	28.7%	52.0%	18.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.3%	7.1%	48.6%	15.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.3%	5.7%	64.3%	15.6%

* Other government, self-pay, and unknown payer.

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Want to know what Medicare pays health care facilities in PA for common outpatient services such as cataract surgery 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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