Bedford County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Bedford County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 16 County Residents. In FY 2015, 3,113 (1 in 16) Bedford 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 3,700 visits for these procedures.

	Procedure % Count for Freestanding	% Freestanding	% Hospital	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
Common Outpatient Procedures	County Residents	Ambulatory Center	Outpatient Department	County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	1,500	24.4%	75.6%	306.5	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	56	1.8%	98.2%	11.4	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	82	28.0%	72.0%	16.8	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	369	88.3%	11.7%	75.4	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	183	61.2%	38.8%	37.4	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	66	10.6%	89.4%	13.5	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	54	25.9%	74.1%	11.0	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	820	51.1%	48.9%	167.5	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	180	0.0%	100.0%	36.8	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	140	17.1%	82.9%	28.6	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	132	3.0%	97.0%	27.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	150	62.7%	37.3%	30.6	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.

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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.



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 Bedford County residents have these outpatient procedures?

Includes data from FY 2014 through FY 2015 to maximize reporting

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)	
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	UPMC Bedford	1,446 (47.8%)	
	Allegheny Reg Endoscopy	656 (21.7%)	
	Nason	370 (12.2%)	
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	UPMC Bedford	77 (73.3%)	
	UPMC Altoona	13 (12.4%)	
	Conemaugh Memorial	9 (8.6%)	
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	UPMC Bedford	77 (48.7%)	
	UPMC Altoona SC	21 (13.3%)	
	Advanced Center Surgery	16 (10.1%)	
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Allegheny SC	552 (75.0%)	
	Center for Surgical Arts	59 (8.0%)	
	Conemaugh Memorial	52 (7.1%)	
Release of Carpal	Advanced Center Surgery	95 (27.0%)	
Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC Bedford	67 (19.0%)	
	UPMC Altoona SC	63 (17.9%)	
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Bedford	40 (27.6%)	
	Windber	37 (25.5%)	
	Nason	28 (19.3%)	

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	UPMC Bedford	39 (36.4%)		
	UPMC Altoona SC	21 (19.6%)		
	* See footnote	18 (16.8%)		
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	UPMC Bedford	618 (40.1%)		
	Laurel Laser/Altoona	606 (39.4%)		
	Nason	163 (10.6%)		
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Bedford	144 (38.2%)		
	Nason	117 (31.0%)		
	UPMC Altoona	64 (17.0%)		
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	UPMC Bedford	157 (56.1%)		
	UPMC Altoona	44 (15.7%)		
	Conemaugh Memorial	18 (6.4%)		
Repair of Hernia in Groin	UPMC Bedford	120 (50.4%)		
	Nason	57 (23.9%)		
	UPMC Altoona	20 (8.4%)		
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Advanced Center Surgery	131 (43.4%)		
	Nason	45 (14.9%)		
	UPMC Altoona SC	43 (14.2%)		

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	38.9%	7.7%	40.9%	12.5%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	23.2%	17.9%	35.7%	23.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	8.5%	35.4%	48.8%	7.3%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	33.9%	14.4%	48.2%	3.5%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	37.2%	6.6%	50.3%	6.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	40.9%	9.1%	42.4%	7.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	40.7%	NR	50.0%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	77.3%	1.5%	17.3%	3.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	20.0%	15.0%	57.2%	7.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	51.4%	40.7%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	32.6%	11.4%	46.2%	9.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	23.3%	7.3%	62.7%	6.7%

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SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

^{*} Advanced Center Surgery and Nason were tied at 18.

^{*} Other government, self-pay, and unknown payer.