

# Berks County



## Common Outpatient Procedures for Berks County Residents in FY 2015

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

**1 in 14 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 30,027 (1 in 14) Berks 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 37,403 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	14,978	87.6%	12.4%	362.1	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	744	40.6%	59.4%	18.0	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	682	55.0%	45.0%	16.5	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	7,493	72.8%	27.2%	181.1	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,181	77.9%	22.1%	28.5	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	629	34.7%	65.3%	15.2	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	709	77.4%	22.6%	17.1	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,729	94.7%	5.3%	186.8	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	648	1.5%	98.5%	15.7	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	791	42.4%	57.6%	19.1	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	815	22.9%	77.1%	19.7	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,071	45.0%	55.0%	25.9	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 Berks 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	Berks Digestive Health	17,288 (62.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	568 (40.3%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	1,766 (6.3%)		Reading ASC	287 (20.4%)
	Pottstown SC	1,107 (4.0%)		Premier Podiatric SC	160 (11.4%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Berks Urologic SC	607 (42.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Berkshire Eye SC	5,353 (35.7%)
	Reading	405 (28.3%)		PA Eye & Ear SC	3,864 (25.8%)
	St Joseph/Reading	105 (7.3%)		State Hill SC	1,784 (11.9%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	PA Eye & Ear SC	576 (42.0%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Reading	493 (39.0%)
	Surg Institute of Reading	358 (26.1%)		St Joseph/Reading	303 (24.0%)
	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	74 (5.4%)		Surg Institute of Reading	179 (14.2%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Reading ASC	5,906 (39.6%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Surg Institute of Reading	652 (38.7%)
	Wyomissing Surgical Serv	3,750 (25.1%)		PA Eye & Ear SC	525 (31.1%)
	Surg Institute of Reading	2,164 (14.5%)		Reading SC/Spring Ridge	94 (5.6%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	959 (38.2%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Surg Institute of Reading	398 (25.5%)
	Reading ASC	540 (21.5%)		Reading	283 (18.2%)
	SC of Allentown	172 (6.9%)		St Joseph/Reading	229 (14.7%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	359 (29.4%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Reading ASC	418 (19.4%)
	Reading	304 (24.9%)		Surg Institute of Reading	391 (18.1%)
	St Joseph/Reading	196 (16.1%)		Reading	336 (15.6%)

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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	32.4%	5.2%	59.3%	3.0%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	28.1%	6.3%	62.2%	3.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	13.8%	15.4%	67.2%	3.7%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	41.6%	4.6%	52.1%	1.7%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.4%	3.9%	63.8%	1.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.2%	6.0%	61.4%	1.4%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	30.0%	4.5%	64.6%	0.8%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	64.8%	2.7%	31.1%	1.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	22.2%	14.8%	61.0%	2.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	3.4%	16.6%	77.9%	2.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.9%	8.5%	62.0%	2.7%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13.7%	4.0%	80.7%	1.6%

\* 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](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.*

### About PHC4

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