

Blair County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Blair County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 14 County Residents. In FY 2015, 8,866 (1 in 14) Blair 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 10,914 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	4,227	58.1%	41.9%	335.6	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	206	16.5%	83.5%	16.4	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	313	57.5%	42.5%	24.9	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	1,711	96.7%	3.3%	135.8	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	474	79.3%	20.7%	37.6	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	168	4.8%	95.2%	13.3	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	122	55.7%	44.3%	9.7	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,136	89.2%	10.8%	169.6	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	486	1.0%	99.0%	38.6	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	431	42.2%	57.8%	34.2	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	280	5.7%	94.3%	22.2	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	463	81.9%	18.1%	36.8	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 Blair 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	Allegheny Reg Endoscopy	4,640 (55.8%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	UPMC Altoona SC	113 (41.2%)
	UPMC Altoona	1,374 (16.5%)		Nason	60 (21.9%)
	Nason	1,353 (16.3%)		Advanced Center Surgery	45 (16.4%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	UPMC Altoona	249 (60.4%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Altoona	2,635 (60.2%)
	UPMC Bedford	62 (15.0%)		UPMC Altoona SC	1,191 (27.2%)
	Mount Nittany SC	41 (10.0%)		Nason	212 (4.8%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	UPMC Altoona	180 (29.1%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Altoona	675 (68.9%)
	UPMC Altoona SC	168 (27.1%)		Nason	226 (23.1%)
	Advanced Center Surgery	151 (24.4%)		Tyrone	44 (4.5%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Allegheny SC	3,109 (88.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	UPMC Altoona	395 (47.9%)
	Center for Surgical Arts	186 (5.3%)		Advanced Center Surgery	199 (24.1%)
	* See footnote	36 (1.0%)		UPMC Altoona SC	101 (12.2%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC Altoona SC	320 (35.8%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	UPMC Altoona	346 (64.6%)
	Advanced Center Surgery	297 (33.2%)		Nason	90 (16.8%)
	Nason	80 (8.9%)		Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	28 (5.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Altoona	151 (39.2%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Advanced Center Surgery	426 (46.8%)
	Tyrone	81 (21.0%)		UPMC Altoona SC	249 (27.4%)
	Nason	56 (14.5%)		Tyrone	75 (8.2%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

* Geisinger Gray's Woods and UPMC Altoona were tied at 36.

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	37.2%	5.3%	43.0%	14.4%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	28.6%	8.3%	56.8%	6.3%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	4.2%	47.9%	43.5%	4.5%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	43.8%	11.5%	40.7%	4.1%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.6%	9.5%	48.9%	7.0%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	43.5%	NR	48.2%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	44.3%	NR	45.1%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	77.3%	1.3%	18.4%	2.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	27.8%	14.6%	51.4%	6.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	4.4%	44.1%	46.6%	4.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	35.0%	11.4%	46.8%	6.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	23.8%	9.1%	62.9%	4.3%

* 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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