

Chester County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Chester County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 17 County Residents. In FY 2015, 30,685 (1 in 17) Chester 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 35,724 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	17,677	78.8%	21.2%	344.7	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	714	30.0%	70.0%	13.9	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	689	80.6%	19.4%	13.4	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	3,906	83.8%	16.2%	76.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	982	64.3%	35.7%	19.2	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	745	6.7%	93.3%	14.5	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	597	46.4%	53.6%	11.6	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	6,531	85.5%	14.5%	127.4	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	669	0.0%	100.0%	13.0	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	458	59.8%	40.2%	8.9	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	905	46.5%	53.5%	17.6	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,926	42.9%	57.1%	37.6	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. 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 Chester 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	West Chester Endoscopy	11,005 (30.5%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	AFP SC	273 (22.1%)
	Main Line Endoscopy/West	8,587 (23.8%)		Main Line Paoli	183 (14.8%)
	Brandywine Vly Endoscopy	2,380 (6.6%)		Brandywine	117 (9.5%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Main Line Paoli	349 (25.6%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Eye SC Chester	5,347 (40.5%)
	Turk's Head SC	308 (22.6%)		Eye SC	1,956 (14.8%)
	Chester County	174 (12.8%)		Turk's Head SC	1,396 (10.6%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHOP ASC Exton	639 (49.6%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Chester County	497 (39.9%)
	Turk's Head SC	190 (14.7%)		Main Line Paoli	333 (26.7%)
	Children's Hosp Phila	129 (10.0%)		Brandywine	106 (8.5%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Main Line Spine SC	2,509 (32.1%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Turk's Head SC	264 (25.7%)
	Turk's Head SC	1,341 (17.1%)		CHOP ASC Exton	176 (17.1%)
	Paoli SC	768 (9.8%)		Main Line Paoli	89 (8.7%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Turk's Head SC	346 (17.3%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Paoli SC	408 (22.3%)
	SC Chester County	235 (11.7%)		Turk's Head SC	299 (16.3%)
	Paoli SC	159 (7.9%)		Chester County	254 (13.9%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Chester County	568 (39.4%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Main Line Paoli	633 (16.7%)
	Main Line Paoli	271 (18.8%)		Paoli SC	592 (15.6%)
	Phoenixville	128 (8.9%)		Turk's Head SC	581 (15.3%)

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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	28.8%	1.9%	64.3%	5.0%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	28.2%	2.1%	50.8%	18.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	4.9%	12.8%	65.0%	17.3%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	34.9%	2.3%	57.5%	5.3%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.2%	2.9%	61.7%	2.2%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	32.8%	2.8%	61.7%	2.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.5%	2.8%	65.8%	4.9%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	63.8%	1.1%	32.9%	2.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.2%	5.8%	69.7%	3.3%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.3%	11.4%	78.4%	9.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.4%	2.9%	66.7%	4.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.5%	1.9%	78.8%	2.9%

* 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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