

Clearfield County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Clearfield County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 17 County Residents. In FY 2015, 4,737 (1 in 17) Clearfield 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 5,667 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	2,289	26.5%	73.5%	281.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	159	16.4%	83.6%	19.6	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	239	13.8%	86.2%	29.4	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	408	80.1%	19.9%	50.3	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	296	59.1%	40.9%	36.5	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	113	15.0%	85.0%	13.9	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	80	23.8%	76.3%	9.9	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,273	44.4%	55.6%	156.8	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	247	5.7%	94.3%	30.4	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	169	25.4%	74.6%	20.8	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	160	6.9%	93.1%	19.7	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	259	63.7%	36.3%	31.9	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 Clearfield 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	Penn Highlands/DuBois	2,091 (42.2%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Penn Highlands/DuBois	78 (48.1%)
	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	1,110 (22.4%)		Penn Highlands/Clearfield	36 (22.2%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	592 (12.0%)		UOC Surgical Services	16 (9.9%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Penn Highlands/DuBois	148 (41.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	748 (28.2%)
	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	111 (31.1%)		Laurel Laser/Brookville	601 (22.7%)
	Mount Nittany SC	35 (9.8%)		Penn Highlands/DuBois	572 (21.6%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Penn Highlands/DuBois	376 (70.7%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Penn Highlands/DuBois	232 (41.5%)
	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	51 (9.6%)		Penn Highlands/Clearfield	170 (30.4%)
	Mount Nittany SC	33 (6.2%)		Mount Nittany	50 (8.9%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Allegheny SC	276 (41.3%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Penn Highlands/DuBois	167 (42.8%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	138 (20.6%)		Penn Highlands/Clearfield	71 (18.2%)
	Center for Surgical Arts	60 (9.0%)		Mount Nittany SC	49 (12.6%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Penn Highlands/DuBois	163 (27.1%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	117 (36.3%)
	UOC Surgical Services	134 (22.3%)		Penn Highlands/DuBois	104 (32.3%)
	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	73 (12.1%)		UPMC Altoona	25 (7.8%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Penn Highlands/Clearfield	84 (39.1%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	241 (44.6%)
	Penn Highlands/DuBois	50 (23.3%)		Penn Highlands/DuBois	85 (15.7%)
	Tyrone	23 (10.7%)		Penn Highlands/Clearfield	48 (8.9%)

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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	35.4%	8.2%	50.5%	5.9%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	25.2%	17.0%	52.2%	5.7%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	34.3%	51.5%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	32.4%	10.5%	51.2%	5.9%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.5%	8.1%	55.7%	1.7%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	41.6%	NR	43.4%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.3%	NR	53.8%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	70.4%	2.0%	24.8%	2.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	24.3%	15.8%	56.7%	3.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	33.7%	62.1%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.1%	9.4%	48.8%	8.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.2%	5.0%	72.6%	6.2%

* 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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