

Elk County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Elk County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 13 County Residents. In FY 2015, 2,441 (1 in 13) Elk 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 2,929 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 | 1,301 | 23.1% | 76.9% | 417.1 | 335.8 |
| Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves | 58 | 8.6% | 91.4% | 18.6 | 16.6 |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum | 165 | 4.8% | 95.2% | 52.9 | 15.7 |
| Injection of Spine for Pain Management | 50 | 34.0% | 66.0% | 16.0 | 111.5 |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 200 | 26.5% | 73.5% | 64.1 | 29.8 |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy | 42 | 9.5% | 90.5% | 13.5 | 13.0 |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity | 51 | 31.4% | 68.6% | 16.3 | 10.9 |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens | 700 | 86.7% | 13.3% | 224.4 | 149.5 |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones | 102 | 0.0% | 100.0% | 32.7 | 18.9 |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids | 88 | 10.2% | 89.8% | 28.2 | 16.1 |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin | 60 | 15.0% | 85.0% | 19.2 | 17.9 |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage | 129 | 48.8% | 51.2% | 41.4 | 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.

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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 Elk 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/Elk | 914 (34.2%) | Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 33 (32.0%) |
| | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 872 (32.6%) | | Penn Highlands/Elk | 27 (26.2%) |
| | Penn Highlands Elk SC | 525 (19.6%) | | UOC Surgical Services | 19 (18.4%) |
| Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 45 (44.1%) | Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens | Penn Highlands Elk SC | 886 (57.9%) |
| | Penn Highlands/Elk | 33 (32.4%) | | Laurel Laser/Brookville | 401 (26.2%) |
| | NR | <5 (NR) | | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 78 (5.1%) |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 274 (85.1%) | Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones | Penn Highlands/Elk | 119 (46.9%) |
| | Penn Highlands/Elk | 23 (7.1%) | | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 114 (44.9%) |
| | CHP North SC | 15 (4.7%) | | Kane Community | 12 (4.7%) |
| Injection of Spine for Pain Management | UPMC St Margaret | 22 (24.2%) | Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 107 (69.0%) |
| | UPMC Presby Shadyside | 18 (19.8%) | | Penn Highlands/Elk | 17 (11.0%) |
| | Charles Cole Memorial | 7 (7.7%) | | CHP North SC | 14 (9.0%) |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | Penn Highlands/Elk | 187 (51.4%) | Repair of Hernia in Groin | Penn Highlands/Elk | 78 (51.3%) |
| | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 45 (12.4%) | | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 35 (23.0%) |
| | UOC Surgical Services | 28 (7.7%) | | Penn Highlands Elk SC | 16 (10.5%) |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy | Penn Highlands/Elk | 50 (54.3%) | Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage | UOC Surgical Services | 103 (38.6%) |
| | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 21 (22.8%) | | Penn Highlands/Elk | 84 (31.5%) |
| | Penn Highlands Elk SC | 6 (6.5%) | | Penn Highlands/DuBois | 30 (11.2%) |

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

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 | 38.0% | 4.9% | 51.9% | 5.1% |
| Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves | 25.9% | NR | 63.8% | NR |
| Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum | NR | 29.7% | 64.2% | NR |
| Injection of Spine for Pain Management | 22.0% | 12.0% | 56.0% | 10.0% |
| Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs | 34.5% | 8.5% | 54.5% | 2.5% |
| Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy | 38.1% | NR | 52.4% | NR |
| Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity | 29.4% | NR | 52.9% | NR |
| Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens | 74.3% | 1.0% | 23.9% | 0.9% |
| Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones | 29.4% | NR | 61.8% | NR |
| Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids | NR | 26.1% | 69.3% | NR |
| Repair of Hernia in Groin | 23.3% | NR | 63.3% | NR |
| Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage | 13.2% | NR | 73.6% | NR |

* 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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