Erie County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Erie County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 16 County Residents. In FY 2015, 17,460 (1 in 16) Erie 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 21,463 visits for these procedures.

	Procedure Count for			Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
Common Outpatient Procedures	County Residents	Ambulatory Center	Outpatient Department	County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	8,505	79.7%	20.3%	305.4	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	579	22.6%	77.4%	20.8	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	512	89.6%	10.4%	18.4	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	3,658	91.5%	8.5%	131.4	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	724	90.2%	9.8%	26.0	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	319	36.4%	63.6%	11.5	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	344	83.1%	16.9%	12.4	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	3,976	96.4%	3.6%	142.8	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	864	1.4%	98.6%	31.0	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	690	83.5%	16.5%	24.8	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	596	41.1%	58.9%	21.4	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	852	83.6%	16.4%	30.6	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.

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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.



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 Erie County residents have these outpatient procedures?

Includes data from FY 2014 through FY 2015 to maximize reporting

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	UPMC Hamot SC	8,634 (50.8%)		
	Saint Vincent Endoscopy	3,427 (20.2%)		
	Village SC	1,464 (8.6%)		
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Saint Vincent	575 (48.9%)		
	UPMC Hamot	252 (21.4%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	237 (20.1%)		
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Saint Vincent SC Erie	451 (41.9%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	435 (40.4%)		
	UPMC Hamot	45 (4.2%)		
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Greater Erie SC	3,237 (39.7%)		
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	2,307 (28.3%)		
	Village SC	1,079 (13.2%)		
Release of Carpal	Saint Vincent SC Erie	593 (42.1%)		
Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC Hamot SC	497 (35.2%)		
	Village SC	168 (11.9%)		
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Hamot	238 (39.8%)		
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	157 (26.3%)		
	Saint Vincent	87 (14.5%)		

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Village SC	309 (41.0%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	247 (32.8%)		
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	60 (8.0%)		
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Saint Vincent SC Erie	3,907 (50.9%)		
	Village SC	1,932 (25.2%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	1,436 (18.7%)		
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Hamot	878 (49.9%)		
	Saint Vincent	622 (35.4%)		
	Millcreek Community	184 (10.5%)		
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	UPMC Hamot SC	566 (40.2%)		
	Saint Vincent SC Erie	541 (38.5%)		
	UPMC Hamot	97 (6.9%)		
Repair of Hernia in Groin	Saint Vincent	414 (35.0%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	407 (34.4%)		
	UPMC Hamot	159 (13.4%)		
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Saint Vincent SC Erie	763 (42.5%)		
	Village SC	376 (20.9%)		
	UPMC Hamot SC	354 (19.7%)		

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	31.5%	9.9%	55.4%	3.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	32.1%	9.5%	52.7%	5.7%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1.2%	48.4%	47.7%	2.7%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	41.5%	7.8%	47.9%	2.7%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.5%	9.4%	56.8%	2.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	40.1%	11.6%	43.9%	4.4%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	29.7%	11.0%	55.5%	3.8%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.4%	2.6%	20.0%	4.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	18.6%	17.5%	54.9%	9.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.3%	39.7%	56.1%	2.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.2%	11.7%	55.2%	3.9%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	19.6%	4.6%	72.3%	3.5%

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SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

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