

# Fulton County

## Common Outpatient Procedures for Fulton County Residents in FY 2015



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

**1 in 19 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 775 (1 in 19) Fulton 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 882 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	344	38.1%	61.9%	235.1	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	17	0.0%	100.0%	11.6	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	29	51.7%	48.3%	19.8	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	56	78.6%	21.4%	38.3	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	63	19.0%	81.0%	43.1	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	19	42.1%	57.9%	13.0	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	6	33.3%	66.7%	4.1	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	187	37.4%	62.6%	127.8	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	46	0.0%	100.0%	31.4	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	34	47.1%	52.9%	23.2	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	22	22.7%	77.3%	15.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	69	23.2%	76.8%	47.2	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 Fulton 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	Fulton County	325 (48.8%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Chambersburg	5 (41.7%)
	Chambersburg Endoscopy	218 (32.7%)		NR	<5 (NR)
	UPMC Bedford	20 (3.0%)		NR	<5 (NR)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Chambersburg	34 (72.3%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Fulton County	226 (58.7%)
	Pinnacle Health	5 (10.6%)		Ludwick Laser & SC	96 (24.9%)
	UPMC Bedford	5 (10.6%)		UPMC Bedford	18 (4.7%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	19 (39.6%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Fulton County	49 (46.2%)
	UPMC Bedford	10 (20.8%)		Chambersburg	37 (34.9%)
	Fulton County	6 (12.5%)		Pinnacle Health	8 (7.5%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	47 (33.1%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	29 (47.5%)
	Chambersburg	27 (19.0%)		Fulton County	11 (18.0%)
	Harrisburg Pain Mgmt	27 (19.0%)		Chambersburg	9 (14.8%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Fulton County	53 (52.5%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Chambersburg	18 (35.3%)
	Chambersburg	15 (14.9%)		Fulton County	12 (23.5%)
	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	14 (13.9%)		UPMC Bedford	7 (13.7%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Roy A. Himelfarb SC	13 (38.2%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Fulton County	83 (62.4%)
	Chambersburg	7 (20.6%)		Roy A. Himelfarb SC	21 (15.8%)
	Fulton County	5 (14.7%)		Chambersburg	11 (8.3%)

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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	43.9%	4.7%	46.2%	5.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	35.3%	NR	52.9%	NR
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	37.9%	41.4%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	33.9%	NR	51.8%	NR
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.7%	NR	55.6%	NR
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	31.6%	NR	47.4%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	NR	NR	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	77.0%	2.7%	16.6%	3.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.6%	NR	63.0%	NR
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	38.2%	55.9%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	27.3%	NR	54.5%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	20.3%	NR	68.1%	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](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.*

### About PHC4

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