

Jefferson County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Jefferson County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 14 County Residents. In FY 2015, 3,196 (1 in 14) Jefferson 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 3,971 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	1,451	5.2%	94.8%	325.1	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	114	1.8%	98.2%	25.5	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	178	2.2%	97.8%	39.9	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	387	9.0%	91.0%	86.7	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	236	56.4%	43.6%	52.9	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	49	2.0%	98.0%	11.0	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	74	13.5%	86.5%	16.6	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	916	69.1%	30.9%	205.2	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	189	0.0%	100.0%	42.3	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	176	7.4%	92.6%	39.4	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	87	8.0%	92.0%	19.5	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	148	42.6%	57.4%	33.2	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 Jefferson 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	1,475 (48.7%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Penn Highlands/DuBois	65 (54.6%)
	Punxsutawney Area	704 (23.2%)		Punxsutawney Area	22 (18.5%)
	Penn Highlands/Brookville	316 (10.4%)		Penn Highlands/Brookville	10 (8.4%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Penn Highlands/DuBois	71 (33.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Brookville	1,255 (66.1%)
	Punxsutawney Area	60 (28.3%)		Penn Highlands/DuBois	322 (17.0%)
	Penn Highlands/Brookville	41 (19.3%)		Punxsutawney Area	166 (8.7%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Penn Highlands/DuBois	330 (77.5%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Penn Highlands/DuBois	194 (48.9%)
	Punxsutawney Area	32 (7.5%)		Punxsutawney Area	101 (25.4%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	21 (4.9%)		Penn Highlands/Brookville	58 (14.6%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Punxsutawney Area	303 (43.7%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Penn Highlands/DuBois	160 (44.1%)
	Penn Highlands/Brookville	97 (14.0%)		Punxsutawney Area	91 (25.1%)
	Clarion	58 (8.4%)		Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	32 (8.8%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Penn Highlands/DuBois	137 (28.2%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Penn Highlands/DuBois	65 (36.5%)
	Laurel Laser/Brookville	67 (13.8%)		Punxsutawney Area	46 (25.8%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	51 (10.5%)		Penn Highlands/Brookville	34 (19.1%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Penn Highlands/DuBois	36 (39.6%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	92 (30.8%)
	Punxsutawney Area	20 (22.0%)		Penn Highlands/DuBois	72 (24.1%)
	Clarion	10 (11.0%)		Punxsutawney Area	56 (18.7%)

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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	37.4%	7.1%	48.9%	6.5%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	29.8%	8.8%	56.1%	5.3%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	7.3%	41.0%	48.9%	2.8%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	43.2%	8.3%	44.4%	4.1%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	26.3%	9.7%	57.2%	6.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.7%	NR	51.0%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	28.4%	NR	62.2%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	70.1%	2.3%	26.1%	1.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.2%	17.5%	55.0%	6.3%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	46.0%	48.3%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	36.8%	13.8%	40.2%	9.2%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.2%	6.8%	68.2%	10.8%

* 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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