

Lackawanna County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Lackawanna County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 16 County Residents. In FY 2015, 13,663 (1 in 16) Lackawanna 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 16,837 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	7,532	85.9%	14.1%	354.1	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	370	49.5%	50.5%	17.4	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	289	75.8%	24.2%	13.6	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	1,433	58.9%	41.1%	67.4	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	500	70.4%	29.6%	23.5	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	293	7.5%	92.5%	13.8	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	290	66.2%	33.8%	13.6	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,498	93.8%	6.2%	211.5	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	459	0.0%	100.0%	21.6	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	404	40.6%	59.4%	19.0	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	376	5.6%	94.4%	17.7	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	456	62.5%	37.5%	21.4	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.

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 Lackawanna 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	Scranton Endoscopy	7,833 (51.9%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	North East SC	238 (40.2%)
	Eynon SC	2,574 (17.1%)		Regional Hospital SC	143 (24.2%)
	Geisinger-Community	1,256 (8.3%)		Geisinger-Community	116 (19.6%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	North East SC	287 (40.3%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	NEI AS	7,314 (83.9%)
	Regional Scranton	177 (24.8%)		Moses Taylor	408 (4.7%)
	Moses Taylor	153 (21.5%)		Angelina Theresa Bucci SC	287 (3.3%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	North East SC	229 (41.0%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger-Community	400 (42.1%)
	Regional Hospital SC	105 (18.8%)		Regional Scranton	301 (31.7%)
	Regional Scranton	49 (8.8%)		Moses Taylor	157 (16.5%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	North East SC	1,550 (51.8%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Regional Scranton	231 (29.0%)
	Geisinger-Community	1,045 (34.9%)		North East SC	159 (19.9%)
	Riverview ASC	95 (3.2%)		Geisinger-Community	148 (18.6%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	North East SC	585 (58.7%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Regional Scranton	252 (33.9%)
	Geisinger-Community	123 (12.3%)		Geisinger-Community	215 (28.9%)
	Moses Taylor	79 (7.9%)		Moses Taylor	158 (21.3%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger-Community	215 (32.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	North East SC	534 (58.2%)
	Regional Scranton	189 (28.7%)		Regional Scranton	126 (13.7%)
	Moses Taylor	155 (23.6%)		Moses Taylor	125 (13.6%)

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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	43.6%	4.7%	49.9%	1.7%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	33.2%	11.4%	50.0%	5.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.5%	36.0%	54.0%	4.5%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	40.3%	7.1%	48.9%	3.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	37.8%	9.2%	50.2%	2.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	34.8%	10.9%	47.1%	7.2%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	35.2%	14.1%	44.5%	6.2%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	74.4%	1.2%	23.4%	0.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	24.0%	13.5%	54.7%	7.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.5%	32.2%	56.7%	9.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	30.9%	8.5%	54.8%	5.9%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.5%	7.2%	72.8%	5.5%

* 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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