

Lancaster County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Lancaster County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 16 County Residents. In FY 2015, 33,108 (1 in 16) Lancaster 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 39,618 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	18,016	72.5%	27.5%	337.8	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	559	46.7%	53.3%	10.5	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	864	70.7%	29.3%	16.2	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	5,732	76.6%	23.4%	107.5	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	2,066	65.6%	34.4%	38.7	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	531	20.0%	80.0%	10.0	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	547	26.7%	73.3%	10.3	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,249	86.7%	13.3%	135.9	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	821	0.1%	99.9%	15.4	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	710	63.0%	37.0%	13.3	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,038	41.6%	58.4%	19.5	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,619	63.2%	36.8%	30.4	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 Lancaster 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	Lancaster Gastro Center	10,448 (29.0%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Lancaster General	572 (50.2%)
	Mid-Atlantic Gastro Ctr	7,347 (20.4%)		Ephrata Community	109 (9.6%)
	Mid-Atlantic Gastro II	6,211 (17.2%)		Physicians' SC Lancaster	100 (8.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Physicians' SC Lancaster	419 (39.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Physicians' SC Lancaster	6,022 (41.4%)
	Lancaster General	233 (21.9%)		SC Lancaster	3,744 (25.8%)
	Ephrata Community	116 (10.9%)		Ephrata Community	1,051 (7.2%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	SC Lancaster	888 (51.7%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Lancaster General	775 (46.3%)
	Milton S Hershey	215 (12.5%)		Ephrata Community	300 (17.9%)
	Physicians' SC Lancaster	152 (8.8%)		Lancaster Regional	266 (15.9%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Physicians' SC Lancaster	4,222 (39.8%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	SC Lancaster	765 (50.7%)
	North Pointe SC	1,552 (14.6%)		Milton S Hershey	164 (10.9%)
	Center for Spine Care	955 (9.0%)		Lancaster General	108 (7.2%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC Lancaster	1,118 (28.0%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Physicians' SC Lancaster	643 (30.1%)
	North Pointe SC	832 (20.8%)		Lancaster General	353 (16.5%)
	Ephrata Community	497 (12.4%)		Ephrata Community	340 (15.9%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lancaster General	519 (47.1%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC Lancaster	931 (27.6%)
	Physicians' SC Lancaster	164 (14.9%)		North Pointe SC	673 (20.0%)
	Ephrata Community	149 (13.5%)		Lancaster General	460 (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	25.3%	5.3%	64.2%	5.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	27.7%	9.3%	56.9%	6.1%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	16.7%	23.7%	51.6%	8.0%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	40.2%	7.3%	48.0%	4.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	36.5%	8.9%	49.7%	4.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	37.3%	5.6%	51.4%	5.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	28.5%	3.5%	61.6%	6.4%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.0%	1.9%	23.6%	3.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	18.8%	15.2%	58.0%	8.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	4.4%	30.6%	57.0%	8.0%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	28.3%	6.8%	56.8%	8.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	20.9%	6.1%	67.9%	5.1%

* 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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