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Common Outpatient Procedures for Lehigh County Residents in FY 2015

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

1 in 16 County Residents. In FY 2015, 22,341 (1 in 16) Lehigh 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 25,954 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	11,984	59.4%	40.6%	334.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	525	0.2%	99.8%	14.7	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	405	41.2%	58.8%	11.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	4,000	60.8%	39.3%	111.8	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	970	59.1%	40.9%	27.1	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	423	2.4%	97.6%	11.8	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	416	10.3%	89.7%	11.6	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,770	92.7%	7.3%	133.3	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	530	1.1%	98.9%	14.8	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	368	26.6%	73.4%	10.3	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	682	36.4%	63.6%	19.1	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	924	47.3%	52.7%	25.8	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.

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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 Lehigh 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	College Heights Endoscopy	6,814 (29.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	St Luke's/Bethlehem	234 (25.7%)
	Lehigh Valley	4,344 (18.5%)		Sacred Heart/Allentown	160 (17.6%)
	Eastern PA Endoscopy	3,373 (14.4%)		Lehigh Valley	158 (17.4%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Lehigh Valley	637 (61.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Valley Eye SC	4,754 (50.5%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	207 (20.0%)		Fairgrounds SC	1,617 (17.2%)
	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	77 (7.4%)		SC of Allentown	1,389 (14.8%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	SC of Allentown	230 (30.9%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Lehigh Valley	539 (51.1%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	168 (22.6%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	251 (23.8%)
	Lehigh Valley	128 (17.2%)		Sacred Heart/Allentown	120 (11.4%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	SC of Allentown	2,124 (25.2%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	223 (29.2%)
	Surg Spec/Coordinated	1,611 (19.1%)		SC of Allentown	180 (23.6%)
	Valley SC	1,406 (16.7%)		Lehigh Valley	129 (16.9%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC of Allentown	857 (45.3%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Fairgrounds SC	456 (34.0%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	205 (10.8%)		Lehigh Valley	293 (21.8%)
	Sacred Heart/Allentown	151 (8.0%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	245 (18.3%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lehigh Valley	319 (34.4%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC of Allentown	481 (24.7%)
	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	181 (19.5%)		Surg Spec/Coordinated	285 (14.6%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	171 (18.4%)		Coordinated Health Ortho	209 (10.7%)

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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	33.8%	5.0%	57.0%	4.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	28.2%	8.2%	61.0%	2.7%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	6.7%	25.4%	64.4%	3.5%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	41.7%	3.7%	53.5%	1.1%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.3%	6.7%	56.8%	2.2%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.6%	7.8%	53.2%	2.4%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	25.0%	NR	65.4%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	72.6%	3.0%	22.2%	2.3%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.1%	18.5%	57.5%	2.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.4%	29.3%	65.5%	3.8%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	27.3%	8.8%	61.4%	2.5%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.8%	5.0%	77.4%	1.8%

Other government, self-pay, and unknown payer.   NR= Not reported due to volume limitations

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.