

# Luzerne County

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



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

**1 in 18 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 17,634 (1 in 18) Luzerne 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 21,484 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	7,860	62.8%	37.2%	246.5	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	703	66.7%	33.3%	22.0	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	559	85.9%	14.1%	17.5	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	2,461	70.0%	30.0%	77.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	902	71.2%	28.8%	28.3	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	344	33.7%	66.3%	10.8	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	366	75.1%	24.9%	11.5	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	5,792	98.3%	1.7%	181.7	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	880	0.1%	99.9%	27.6	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	545	76.5%	23.5%	17.1	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	542	18.6%	81.4%	17.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	646	61.0%	39.0%	20.3	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 Luzerne 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	Gateway SC	4,773 (30.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Surgical Specialty NE PA	253 (32.1%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	3,263 (20.6%)		Center Same Day Surgery	164 (20.8%)
	Lehigh Valley/Hazleton	1,650 (10.4%)		Same Day Geisinger South	77 (9.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Riverview ASC	664 (49.3%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Kingston Ophthalmology	5,265 (47.2%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	195 (14.5%)		Hazleton ASC	2,066 (18.5%)
	Center Same Day Surgery	148 (11.0%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	964 (8.6%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Riverview ASC	300 (28.0%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Wilkes-Barre General	917 (52.8%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	164 (15.3%)		Geisinger Wyoming Valley	396 (22.8%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	107 (10.0%)		Lehigh Valley/Hazleton	168 (9.7%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Center for Advanced Surg	1,095 (25.3%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Same Day Geisinger South	197 (18.4%)
	Riverview ASC	1,055 (24.3%)		Riverview ASC	185 (17.2%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	585 (13.5%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	137 (12.8%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Same Day Geisinger South	314 (18.1%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Wilkes-Barre General	467 (43.4%)
	Surgical Specialty NE PA	267 (15.4%)		Geisinger Wyoming Valley	127 (11.8%)
	Center Same Day Surgery	198 (11.4%)		Same Day Geisinger South	88 (8.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Wilkes-Barre General	171 (22.4%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Center Same Day Surgery	177 (13.9%)
	Surgical Specialty NE PA	170 (22.2%)		Surgical Specialty NE PA	148 (11.6%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	163 (21.3%)		Wilkes-Barre General	130 (10.2%)

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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	37.0%	4.4%	55.1%	3.5%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	31.9%	5.5%	59.2%	3.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	11.6%	30.2%	54.7%	3.4%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	45.8%	3.6%	48.1%	2.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.9%	9.2%	55.1%	3.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	29.1%	8.4%	55.2%	7.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	29.2%	6.0%	58.5%	6.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	69.7%	2.1%	26.3%	1.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	16.9%	13.1%	62.2%	7.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.9%	36.7%	57.2%	5.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	30.3%	8.3%	54.8%	6.6%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.0%	6.0%	72.9%	4.0%

\* 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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