

Northampton County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Northampton County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 13 County Residents. In FY 2015, 23,959 (1 in 13) Northampton 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 28,665 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	12,966	53.0%	47.0%	431.3	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	635	8.2%	91.8%	21.1	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	414	51.0%	49.0%	13.8	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	5,903	48.1%	51.9%	196.3	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	895	30.6%	69.4%	29.8	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	468	2.4%	97.6%	15.6	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	444	12.2%	87.8%	14.8	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	4,454	93.3%	6.7%	148.1	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	554	0.4%	99.6%	18.4	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	402	28.4%	71.6%	13.4	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	570	10.4%	89.6%	19.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	1,019	16.1%	83.9%	33.9	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 Northampton 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	Bethlehem Endoscopy	5,008 (19.8%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	St Luke's/Bethlehem	256 (27.4%)
	Twin Rivers Endoscopy	3,720 (14.7%)		Coordinated Health Ortho	206 (22.1%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	3,553 (14.1%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	94 (10.1%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	St Luke's/Bethlehem	471 (37.4%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Center for Specialized	3,871 (44.0%)
	Lehigh Valley	189 (15.0%)		Valley Eye SC	2,455 (27.9%)
	Easton	174 (13.8%)		SC of Allentown	703 (8.0%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Center for Specialized	268 (32.0%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	St Luke's/Bethlehem	338 (30.4%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	252 (30.1%)		Easton	246 (22.1%)
	SC of Allentown	107 (12.8%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	180 (16.2%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Valley SC	3,723 (30.3%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	292 (35.1%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	3,012 (24.5%)		Center for Specialized	141 (17.0%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	1,055 (8.6%)		St Luke's/Anderson	114 (13.7%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Coordinated Health Ortho	418 (22.7%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	St Luke's/Bethlehem	404 (33.1%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	418 (22.7%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	162 (13.3%)
	SC of Allentown	365 (19.9%)		St Luke's/Anderson	157 (12.9%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Easton	248 (25.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Coordinated Health Ortho	797 (38.0%)
	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	209 (21.7%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	251 (12.0%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	182 (18.9%)		Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	223 (10.6%)

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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	35.4%	3.5%	56.7%	4.4%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	37.3%	5.7%	56.1%	0.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	12.3%	20.5%	65.5%	1.7%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	42.6%	2.4%	54.2%	0.7%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.1%	6.5%	59.6%	0.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.3%	6.0%	56.2%	1.5%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	24.8%	5.2%	68.7%	1.4%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	65.9%	1.7%	30.4%	2.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	24.7%	10.6%	61.9%	2.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.5%	21.4%	74.4%	2.7%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	38.9%	4.2%	54.9%	1.9%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	18.6%	3.7%	76.5%	1.1%

* 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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