

Northumberland County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Northumberland County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 14 County Residents. In FY 2015, 6,600 (1 in 14) Northumberland 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 7,964 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	3,456	44.4%	55.6%	367.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	173	1.2%	98.8%	18.4	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	172	55.2%	44.8%	18.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	994	22.8%	77.2%	105.8	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	397	23.7%	76.3%	42.3	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	133	20.3%	79.7%	14.2	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	86	47.7%	52.3%	9.2	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,650	74.5%	25.5%	175.6	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	335	3.3%	96.7%	35.7	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	158	48.1%	51.9%	16.8	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	185	11.9%	88.1%	19.7	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	267	29.2%	70.8%	28.4	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 Northumberland 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	Geisinger/Danville	2,659 (38.3%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Geisinger/Danville	63 (31.0%)
	Central PA Endoscopy Ctr	1,506 (21.7%)		Brookpark SC	54 (26.6%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	1,180 (17.0%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	35 (17.2%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Geisinger/Danville	172 (47.1%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Central PA	1,337 (41.6%)
	Evangelical Community	94 (25.8%)		Geisinger/Danville	652 (20.3%)
	Sunbury Community	41 (11.2%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	522 (16.2%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Geisinger OP Woodbine	85 (25.8%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger/Danville	363 (55.1%)
	Geisinger/Danville	80 (24.2%)		Evangelical Community	190 (28.8%)
	SC Central PA	72 (21.8%)		Sunbury Community	61 (9.3%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Geisinger/Danville	638 (44.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Geisinger/Danville	91 (28.1%)
	Evangelical ASC	261 (18.4%)		SC Central PA	79 (24.4%)
	Evangelical Community	247 (17.4%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	54 (16.7%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Evangelical Community	302 (38.8%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger/Danville	183 (46.2%)
	Geisinger/Danville	180 (23.1%)		Evangelical Community	97 (24.5%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	148 (19.0%)		Sunbury Community	54 (13.6%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger/Danville	113 (41.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Evangelical Community	215 (39.8%)
	Evangelical Community	92 (33.9%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	145 (26.9%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	42 (15.5%)		Geisinger/Danville	100 (18.5%)

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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	41.7%	5.8%	49.5%	3.1%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	39.9%	13.3%	43.4%	3.5%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	37.2%	54.7%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	47.4%	3.4%	47.1%	2.1%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	34.8%	NR	57.2%	NR
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	42.9%	NR	52.6%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	33.7%	NR	58.1%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	68.8%	1.7%	27.7%	1.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.5%	15.5%	60.9%	2.1%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	36.7%	58.9%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	27.6%	9.7%	59.5%	3.2%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.7%	8.6%	71.5%	4.1%

* 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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