

# Susquehanna County

## Common Outpatient Procedures for Susquehanna 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 Susquehanna County.

**1 in 22 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 1,883 (1 in 22) Susquehanna 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 2,266 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	1,083	56.0%	44.0%	258.3	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	38	63.2%	36.8%	9.1	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	39	46.2%	53.8%	9.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	147	57.1%	42.9%	35.1	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	73	37.0%	63.0%	17.4	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	27	11.1%	88.9%	6.4	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26	53.8%	46.2%	6.2	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	584	89.2%	10.8%	139.3	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	83	0.0%	100.0%	19.8	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	43	34.9%	65.1%	10.3	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	68	4.4%	95.6%	16.2	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	62	43.5%	56.5%	14.8	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.

### 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 Susquehanna 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	Endless Mountains	526 (22.7%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Geisinger-Community	16 (30.2%)
	Eynon SC	454 (19.6%)		North East SC	14 (26.4%)
	Mountain Laurel SC	335 (14.5%)		Regional Hospital SC	11 (20.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	North East SC	34 (42.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	NEI AS	923 (81.3%)
	Regional Scranton	12 (15.0%)		Robert Packer	61 (5.4%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	8 (10.0%)		Kingston Ophthalmology	35 (3.1%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Tyler Memorial	24 (29.3%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger-Community	29 (18.0%)
	North East SC	14 (17.1%)		Endless Mountains	26 (16.1%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	13 (15.9%)		* See footnote	24 (14.9%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	North East SC	123 (35.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Tyler Memorial	16 (18.6%)
	Geisinger-Community	88 (25.7%)		Geisinger-Community	12 (14.0%)
	Barnes-Kasson County	51 (14.9%)		Regional Scranton	12 (14.0%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Endless Mountains	51 (34.5%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Endless Mountains	24 (19.2%)
	North East SC	47 (31.8%)		Regional Scranton	24 (19.2%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	9 (6.1%)		Tyler Memorial	18 (14.4%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Moses Taylor	15 (28.8%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	North East SC	45 (37.5%)
	North East SC	8 (15.4%)		Endless Mountains	39 (32.5%)
	Regional Scranton	8 (15.4%)		Regional Scranton	10 (8.3%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

\* Regional Scranton and Tyler Memorial were tied at 24.

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	35.2%	7.7%	55.1%	2.0%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	31.6%	NR	55.3%	NR
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	35.9%	64.1%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	35.4%	NR	57.8%	NR
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	39.7%	NR	45.2%	NR
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	44.4%	NR	48.1%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	34.6%	NR	50.0%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.6%	1.2%	25.0%	2.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	26.5%	NR	56.6%	NR
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	34.9%	65.1%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	32.4%	NR	57.4%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	17.7%	NR	72.6%	NR

\* 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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