

# Washington County

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



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

**1 in 14 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 15,113 (1 in 14) Washington 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 18,400 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	7,897	53.3%	46.7%	379.3	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	567	36.2%	63.8%	27.2	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	352	70.7%	29.3%	16.9	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	2,218	47.5%	52.5%	106.5	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	804	37.9%	62.1%	38.6	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	312	21.2%	78.8%	15.0	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	201	29.9%	70.1%	9.7	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	3,887	94.2%	5.8%	186.7	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	648	0.0%	100.0%	31.1	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	373	48.0%	52.0%	17.9	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	439	16.6%	83.4%	21.1	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	796	20.0%	80.0%	38.2	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 Washington 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	Tri-State SC	4,179 (27.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Washington	81 (19.9%)
	Washington	2,180 (14.1%)		Advanced Surgical	51 (12.5%)
	Canonsburg	1,388 (9.0%)		St Clair Memorial	44 (10.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Tri-State SC	312 (30.0%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Southwestern PA Eye SC	3,840 (49.9%)
	Washington	200 (19.2%)		Tri-State SC	811 (10.5%)
	Canonsburg	134 (12.9%)		Spartan Health SC	655 (8.5%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	407 (57.3%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Washington	510 (41.4%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	136 (19.2%)		Jefferson	167 (13.5%)
	Tri-State SC	52 (7.3%)		Canonsburg	146 (11.8%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Canonsburg	694 (15.6%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	CHP North SC	233 (32.9%)
	Tri-State SC	650 (14.6%)		Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	141 (19.9%)
	Spartan Health SC	618 (13.9%)		Tri-State SC	96 (13.5%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Advanced Surgical	530 (34.0%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Washington	181 (21.3%)
	UPMC South SC	177 (11.4%)		Tri-State SC	141 (16.6%)
	St Clair Memorial	93 (6.0%)		St Clair Memorial	118 (13.9%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Tri-State SC	108 (16.5%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Advanced Surgical	629 (38.6%)
	Washington	107 (16.4%)		Washington	146 (9.0%)
	St Clair Memorial	106 (16.2%)		St Clair Memorial	128 (7.8%)

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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	31.1%	4.7%	58.9%	5.3%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	33.5%	7.1%	54.5%	4.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	26.4%	54.0%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	40.4%	9.4%	45.2%	5.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.3%	7.3%	53.9%	7.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	27.6%	8.3%	57.4%	6.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	30.3%	6.0%	56.7%	7.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	71.8%	3.9%	22.7%	1.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.0%	10.3%	65.7%	4.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.6%	25.2%	63.0%	10.2%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.9%	8.4%	56.7%	8.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.0%	5.9%	73.7%	4.4%

\* 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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