

# Forest County

## Common Outpatient Procedures for Forest County Residents in FY 2013



**1 in 8.** In FY 2013, 1 in 8 Forest County residents (985) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 1,471 visits.

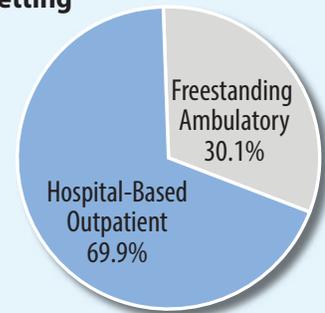
**1.9 million.** Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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**3.1 million.** Overall, PHC4 collected 3.1 million outpatient procedure records (for PA and non-PA residents) from 174 hospital-based outpatient departments and 275 freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in FY 2013.

### Outpatient Procedure Records by Setting



*This report focuses on 10 outpatient procedures commonly performed in PA, with specific data shown for Forest Co.*

Common Outpatient Procedures	Total for County Residents	% Freestanding Ambulatory Center	% Hospital Outpatient Department	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
				County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	195	23.1%	76.9%	254.3	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	12	8.3%	91.7%	15.7	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	36	8.3%	91.7%	47.0	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	<5	NR	NR	NR	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	<5	NR	NR	NR	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	130	80.8%	19.2%	169.6	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	15	0.0%	100.0%	19.6	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	17	11.8%	88.2%	22.2	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	9	0.0%	100.0%	11.7	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	20	15.0%	85.0%	26.1	30.1

Notes: 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

**PHC4's outpatient procedure data, available through its special request program, is an important resource for health care facilities and providers, insurers, researchers, and consultants in studying issues such as access to care, cost and reimbursements, community need, and strategic planning.**

## Where did Forest County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)
• Colonoscopy with/ without Biopsy	Clarion	55 (28.2%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Laurel Laser/Brookville	80 (61.5%)
	Titusville Area	29 (14.9%)		Community SC	13 (10.0%)
	Surgery & Laser	27 (13.8%)		Titusville Area	9 (6.9%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	UPMC Northwest	5 (41.7%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
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• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Clarion	13 (36.1%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	DuBois Regional	9 (52.9%)
	UPMC Northwest	10 (27.8%)		NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	NR	<5 (NR)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	<5 (NR)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UPMC Northwest	7 (35.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		Clarion	5 (25.0%)
	NR	<5 (NR)		NR	<5 (NR)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations  
 NA = Not applicable  
 SC = Surgical/surgery center  
 When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

## Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	41.5%	5.1%	44.1%	9.2%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	0.0%	33.3%	58.3%	8.3%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	38.9%	11.1%	41.7%	8.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	NR	NR	NR	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	NR	NR	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.8%	2.3%	23.1%	0.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	53.3%	13.3%	26.7%	6.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	5.9%	41.2%	47.1%	5.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	22.2%	0.0%	33.3%	44.4%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.0%	0.0%	70.0%	15.0%

\* Includes 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, MRIs 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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