

Mercer County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Mercer County Residents in FY 2013

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1 in 5. In FY 2013, 1 in 5 Mercer County residents (22,773) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 46,315 visits.

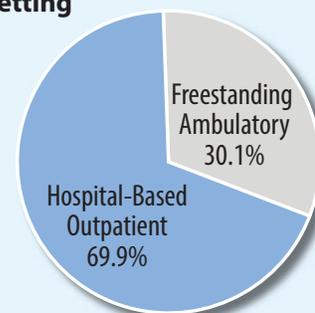
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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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 Mercer 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	3,347	5.6%	94.4%	289.4	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	207	28.0%	72.0%	17.9	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	550	23.8%	76.2%	47.6	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	146	1.4%	98.6%	12.6	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	163	2.5%	97.5%	14.1	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,703	18.1%	81.9%	147.2	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	347	0.0%	100.0%	30.0	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	281	16.0%	84.0%	24.3	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	236	5.1%	94.9%	20.4	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	631	2.1%	97.9%	54.6	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.

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 Mercer 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	UPMC Horizon	1,397 (41.7%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Edgewood Surgical	569 (33.4%)
	Sharon Regional	980 (29.3%)		UPMC Horizon	335 (19.7%)
	Edgewood Surgical	313 (9.4%)		Sharon Regional	307 (18.0%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	UPMC Horizon	69 (33.3%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Horizon	161 (46.4%)
	CHP North SC	58 (28.0%)		Sharon Regional	96 (27.7%)
	Sharon Regional	33 (15.9%)		Grove City	39 (11.2%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Sharon Regional	170 (30.9%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	UPMC Horizon	106 (37.7%)
	UPMC Horizon	144 (26.2%)		Sharon Regional	53 (18.9%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	78 (14.2%)		CHP North SC	44 (15.7%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Horizon	54 (37.0%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	UPMC Horizon	89 (37.7%)
	Sharon Regional	52 (35.6%)		Sharon Regional	56 (23.7%)
	Grove City	23 (15.8%)		Grove City	33 (14.0%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	UPMC Horizon	46 (28.2%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Sharon Regional	249 (39.5%)
	Edgewood Surgical	42 (25.8%)		UPMC Horizon	185 (29.3%)
	Grove City	31 (19.0%)		Edgewood Surgical	130 (20.6%)

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	35.3%	9.1%	47.1%	8.5%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.3%	35.7%	51.7%	7.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	36.5%	12.9%	42.0%	8.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	41.8%	8.9%	43.2%	6.2%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.9%	9.2%	52.1%	6.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.1%	2.1%	23.2%	1.6%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	22.5%	18.7%	47.0%	11.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.7%	35.9%	54.4%	8.9%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31.8%	13.6%	41.9%	12.7%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	22.3%	16.0%	54.2%	7.4%

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 and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

* Includes other government, self-pay and unknown payer.

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