

# Carbon County

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



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

**1 in 14 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 4,741 (1 in 14) Carbon 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 5,853 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	2,390	62.3%	37.7%	370.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	101	12.9%	87.1%	15.7	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	86	45.3%	54.7%	13.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	697	58.7%	41.3%	108.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	231	56.3%	43.7%	35.8	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	94	5.3%	94.7%	14.6	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	88	9.1%	90.9%	13.7	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,503	98.1%	1.9%	233.2	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	172	0.6%	99.4%	26.7	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	121	28.1%	71.9%	18.8	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	128	15.6%	84.4%	19.9	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	257	29.2%	70.8%	39.9	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 Carbon 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	Carbon-Schuylkill Endo	1,504 (31.8%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	42 (23.3%)
	Palmerton	718 (15.2%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	29 (16.1%)
	College Heights Endoscopy	372 (7.9%)		Coordinated Health Ortho	16 (8.9%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Lehigh Valley	62 (30.4%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Mahoning Valley ASC	1,856 (62.4%)
	St Luke's Miners	36 (17.6%)		Valley Eye SC	200 (6.7%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	28 (13.7%)		Hazleton ASC	178 (6.0%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	St Luke's/Bethlehem	56 (31.3%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	112 (31.1%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	44 (24.6%)		Palmerton	87 (24.2%)
	Schuylkill-South Jackson	20 (11.2%)		Lehigh Valley	50 (13.9%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	SC of Allentown	251 (18.1%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	111 (50.0%)
	Surg Spec/Coordinated	208 (15.0%)		Center for Advanced Surg	29 (13.1%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	143 (10.3%)		Lehigh Valley	14 (6.3%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC of Allentown	202 (41.4%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	65 (21.8%)
	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	45 (9.2%)		Palmerton	52 (17.4%)
	Palmerton	41 (8.4%)		Fairgrounds SC	35 (11.7%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Gnaden Huetten Memorial	31 (17.6%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC of Allentown	99 (18.5%)
	Lehigh Valley/Muhlenberg	30 (17.0%)		Palmerton	86 (16.1%)
	* See footnote	18 (10.2%)		Gnaden Huetten Memorial	76 (14.2%)

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NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

\* Lehigh Valley and Surg Spec/Coordinated were tied at 18.

## Common outpatient procedures among county residents, by anticipated payer in FY 2015

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	36.1%	3.8%	55.0%	5.0%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	42.6%	NR	46.5%	NR
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	7.0%	24.4%	62.8%	5.8%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	43.0%	3.6%	51.2%	2.2%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	32.5%	3.9%	60.2%	3.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	40.4%	NR	47.9%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	33.0%	NR	65.9%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	72.7%	1.4%	25.0%	0.9%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	29.1%	7.0%	61.0%	2.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	19.0%	76.9%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.6%	NR	57.8%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	27.2%	NR	67.7%	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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