

Monroe County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Monroe County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 22 County Residents. In FY 2015, 7,458 (1 in 22) Monroe 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 9,218 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	3,862	74.8%	25.2%	232.2	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	201	57.7%	42.3%	12.1	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	121	61.2%	38.8%	7.3	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	1,474	52.6%	47.4%	88.6	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	357	72.5%	27.5%	21.5	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	112	17.9%	82.1%	6.7	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	151	60.9%	39.1%	9.1	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,162	98.6%	1.4%	130.0	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	110	0.0%	100.0%	6.6	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	151	55.6%	44.4%	9.1	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	121	26.4%	73.6%	7.3	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	411	56.4%	43.6%	24.7	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 Monroe 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	Pocono ASC	4,988 (59.5%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Pocono ASC	109 (35.2%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	452 (5.4%)		East Stroudsburg ASC	39 (12.6%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	323 (3.9%)		Surg Spec/Coordinated	33 (10.6%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Pocono ASC	195 (49.9%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Pocono ASC	2,222 (54.3%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	33 (8.4%)		Angelina Theresa Bucci SC	582 (14.2%)
	Lehigh Valley	32 (8.2%)		NEI AS	348 (8.5%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Pocono ASC	62 (22.5%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Pocono	69 (24.0%)
	St Luke's/Bethlehem	57 (20.7%)		* See footnote	35 (12.2%)
	Same Day Geisinger South	33 (12.0%)		* See footnote	35 (12.2%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	East Stroudsburg ASC	1,372 (48.4%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Luke's/Bethlehem	78 (23.9%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	484 (17.1%)		Pocono ASC	66 (20.2%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	205 (7.2%)		Same Day Geisinger South	53 (16.2%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Pocono ASC	265 (36.6%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Pocono	63 (21.6%)
	Coordinated Health Ortho	75 (10.4%)		St Luke's/Bethlehem	46 (15.8%)
	East Stroudsburg ASC	75 (10.4%)		Palmerton	24 (8.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Pocono	49 (18.5%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Pocono ASC	292 (33.3%)
	St Luke's/Anderson	34 (12.8%)		Coordinated Health Ortho	163 (18.6%)
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	32 (12.1%)		East Stroudsburg ASC	101 (11.5%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

* Geisinger Wyoming Valley, St Luke's/Anderson, and St Luke's/Bethlehem were tied at 35.

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	34.9%	6.0%	52.0%	7.1%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	39.3%	5.5%	47.8%	7.5%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.8%	31.4%	58.7%	4.1%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	36.6%	4.3%	58.1%	0.9%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.6%	8.1%	53.8%	4.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	40.2%	7.1%	48.2%	4.5%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.2%	7.9%	57.0%	7.9%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	69.1%	1.7%	25.4%	3.7%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	22.7%	NR	64.5%	NR
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	35.8%	57.6%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	35.5%	NR	51.2%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	21.4%	6.3%	69.6%	2.7%

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

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