

Westmoreland County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Westmoreland County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 14 County Residents. In FY 2015, 25,860 (1 in 14) Westmoreland 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 31,420 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	14,010	42.6%	57.4%	389.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	791	14.3%	85.7%	22.0	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	603	56.7%	43.3%	16.8	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	2,982	40.1%	59.9%	83.0	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	1,683	55.3%	44.7%	46.8	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	557	20.1%	79.9%	15.5	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	410	52.7%	47.3%	11.4	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	7,198	75.4%	24.6%	200.3	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	878	0.3%	99.7%	24.4	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	700	42.4%	57.6%	19.5	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	820	9.8%	90.2%	22.8	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	936	31.7%	68.3%	26.0	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.

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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 Westmoreland 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	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	4,895 (16.7%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Latrobe Area	156 (17.7%)
	Latrobe Area	3,595 (12.3%)		UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	121 (13.8%)
	Excelsa Health Norwin	2,921 (10.0%)		Laurel SC	117 (13.3%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	288 (18.8%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	20/20 SC	4,630 (32.2%)
	Forbes	231 (15.1%)		Latrobe Area	1,441 (10.0%)
	Latrobe Area	230 (15.0%)		Mt Pleasant SC	1,074 (7.5%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	515 (42.5%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	388 (22.5%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	273 (22.5%)		Latrobe Area	329 (19.1%)
	Laurel SC	132 (10.9%)		Forbes	177 (10.3%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	UPMC St Margaret	701 (12.0%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	396 (28.3%)
	UPMC Presby Shadyside	670 (11.4%)		CHP North SC	317 (22.6%)
	Gamma SC	619 (10.6%)		Laurel SC	164 (11.7%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Excelsa Health Norwin	797 (23.8%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	382 (23.8%)
	Latrobe Area	478 (14.3%)		Latrobe Area	292 (18.2%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	419 (12.5%)		UPMC East	138 (8.6%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	218 (20.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Excelsa Hlth Westmoreland	230 (12.7%)
	Latrobe Area	157 (14.9%)		UPMC St Margaret	176 (9.7%)
	UPMC Monroeville SC	156 (14.8%)		Forbes	160 (8.8%)

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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	34.5%	5.7%	53.9%	5.9%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	33.2%	8.8%	50.9%	7.0%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	8.1%	31.5%	49.1%	11.3%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	41.5%	9.4%	41.8%	7.3%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.8%	7.4%	52.8%	8.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	39.3%	5.6%	46.0%	9.2%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	33.2%	6.1%	51.5%	9.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	66.9%	3.3%	26.4%	3.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.9%	14.6%	55.8%	9.7%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.6%	30.6%	54.4%	13.4%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.3%	9.0%	50.7%	7.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.2%	6.7%	67.6%	11.4%

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

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