

# Armstrong County

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



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

**1 in 15 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 4,538 (1 in 15) Armstrong 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 5,605 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	2,189	16.4%	83.6%	322.9	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	219	9.6%	90.4%	32.3	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	107	39.3%	60.7%	15.8	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	714	6.3%	93.7%	105.3	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	326	42.0%	58.0%	48.1	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	72	15.3%	84.7%	10.6	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	76	46.1%	53.9%	11.2	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,176	32.7%	67.3%	173.5	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	273	2.2%	97.8%	40.3	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	129	38.8%	61.2%	19.0	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	123	7.3%	92.7%	18.1	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	219	15.5%	84.5%	32.3	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 Armstrong 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	ACMH	1,610 (42.3%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	SC at Benbrook	32 (22.2%)
	Allegheny Valley	807 (21.2%)		ACMH	30 (20.8%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	268 (7.0%)		* See footnote	17 (11.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	ACMH	149 (42.2%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	ACMH	653 (32.5%)
	Allegheny Valley	52 (14.7%)		Allegheny Valley	476 (23.7%)
	SC at Benbrook	38 (10.8%)		Laurel Laser/Brookville	295 (14.7%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	96 (41.7%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	ACMH	189 (50.7%)
	ACMH	50 (21.7%)		Butler Memorial	45 (12.1%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	48 (20.9%)		Allegheny Valley	40 (10.7%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	ACMH	1,056 (64.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	87 (34.7%)
	UPMC St Margaret	162 (10.0%)		CHP North SC	75 (29.9%)
	Butler Memorial	80 (4.9%)		ACMH	20 (8.0%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	159 (26.5%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	ACMH	94 (43.9%)
	ACMH	153 (25.5%)		Allegheny Valley	35 (16.4%)
	Allegheny Valley	77 (12.8%)		UPMC St Margaret	16 (7.5%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	ACMH	27 (19.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	ACMH	123 (32.0%)
	Magee Womens/UPMC	24 (17.5%)		Allegheny Valley	60 (15.6%)
	Allegheny Valley	21 (15.3%)		** See footnote	39 (10.2%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

\* Allegheny Valley and UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr were tied at 17.

\*\* Butler Memorial and UPMC St Margaret were tied at 39.

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	39.0%	6.4%	47.8%	6.7%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	40.6%	10.0%	41.6%	7.8%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	16.8%	36.4%	38.3%	8.4%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	47.3%	8.3%	39.4%	5.0%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	33.4%	9.2%	49.1%	8.3%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	33.3%	9.7%	47.2%	9.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	23.7%	NR	68.4%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	75.1%	3.2%	19.6%	2.0%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	25.3%	13.9%	55.3%	5.5%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	36.4%	54.3%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	35.8%	NR	54.5%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.1%	11.4%	66.2%	7.3%

\* 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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