

Centre County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Centre County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 20 County Residents. In FY 2015, 8,101 (1 in 20) Centre 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 9,441 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	4,923	63.3%	36.7%	310.1	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	306	73.2%	26.8%	19.3	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	173	85.5%	14.5%	10.9	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	750	92.3%	7.7%	47.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	327	91.1%	8.9%	20.6	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	164	48.2%	51.8%	10.3	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	100	72.0%	28.0%	6.3	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,642	96.4%	3.6%	103.4	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	307	24.1%	75.9%	19.3	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	183	83.6%	16.4%	11.5	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	260	36.5%	63.5%	16.4	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	350	90.9%	9.1%	22.0	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.

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 Centre 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	Geisinger Gray's Woods	4,343 (45.7%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Mount Nittany SC	76 (32.9%)
	Mount Nittany	3,109 (32.7%)		UOC Surgical Services	66 (28.6%)
	Penn State Hershey Endo	1,412 (14.9%)		Mount Nittany	25 (10.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Mount Nittany SC	357 (65.5%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Mount Nittany SC	2,562 (74.8%)
	Mount Nittany	117 (21.5%)		SC Central PA	243 (7.1%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	27 (5.0%)		Laurel Laser/Altoona	193 (5.6%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Mount Nittany SC	229 (67.4%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Mount Nittany	418 (71.8%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	32 (9.4%)		Geisinger Gray's Woods	89 (15.3%)
	Geisinger/Danville	26 (7.6%)		Geisinger/Danville	18 (3.1%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Mount Nittany SC	559 (47.3%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Mount Nittany SC	231 (64.3%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	437 (37.0%)		Geisinger Gray's Woods	53 (14.8%)
	Allegheny SC	35 (3.0%)		Geisinger/Danville	30 (8.4%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UOC Surgical Services	313 (49.4%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Mount Nittany	281 (52.0%)
	Mount Nittany SC	234 (37.0%)		Geisinger Gray's Woods	93 (17.2%)
	* See footnote	13 (2.1%)		Mount Nittany SC	86 (15.9%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Mount Nittany SC	105 (30.5%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UOC Surgical Services	387 (48.9%)
	Geisinger Gray's Woods	72 (20.9%)		Mount Nittany SC	306 (38.7%)
	Mount Nittany	66 (19.2%)		Mount Nittany	48 (6.1%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations

NA = Not applicable

SC = Surgical/Surgery Center

* Advanced Center Surgery and Mount Nittany were tied at 13.

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

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	26.4%	2.8%	63.9%	6.9%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	25.2%	9.8%	61.8%	3.3%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	16.8%	76.3%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	42.8%	2.0%	51.6%	3.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.9%	2.8%	63.3%	3.1%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	34.1%	NR	59.1%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	31.0%	NR	64.0%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	73.0%	1.4%	23.1%	2.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	18.9%	12.4%	62.9%	5.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	14.8%	77.0%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	28.1%	3.8%	62.3%	5.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	13.1%	NR	81.7%	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 and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

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