

# Columbia County

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



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

**1 in 15 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 4,472 (1 in 15) Columbia 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 5,458 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	2,039	31.9%	68.1%	303.8	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	178	0.6%	99.4%	26.5	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	196	80.1%	19.9%	29.2	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	834	31.1%	68.9%	124.3	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	327	57.2%	42.8%	48.7	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	75	17.3%	82.7%	11.2	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	52	59.6%	40.4%	7.7	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,055	89.4%	10.6%	157.2	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	225	2.2%	97.8%	33.5	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	120	55.8%	44.2%	17.9	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	105	10.5%	89.5%	15.6	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	277	69.0%	31.0%	41.3	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 Columbia 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/Danville	992 (23.6%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Geisinger OP Woodbine	35 (32.4%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	970 (23.0%)		Berwick	31 (28.7%)
	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	956 (22.7%)		Geisinger/Danville	17 (15.7%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Berwick	142 (41.9%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Geisinger OP Woodbine	747 (35.8%)
	Geisinger/Danville	99 (29.2%)		Kingston Ophthalmology	718 (34.4%)
	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	69 (20.4%)		Geisinger/Danville	189 (9.0%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Susquehanna SC	215 (56.0%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger/Danville	162 (37.9%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	80 (20.8%)		Geisinger-Bloomsburg	147 (34.4%)
	Geisinger/Danville	60 (15.6%)		Berwick	99 (23.2%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Geisinger/Danville	497 (42.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Susquehanna SC	79 (32.4%)
	Susquehanna SC	384 (33.2%)		Geisinger/Danville	72 (29.5%)
	Berwick	122 (10.5%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	44 (18.0%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Susquehanna SC	218 (32.0%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	83 (35.2%)
	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	132 (19.4%)		Geisinger/Danville	66 (28.0%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	124 (18.2%)		Berwick	57 (24.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Geisinger-Bloomsburg	50 (37.6%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Susquehanna SC	198 (37.4%)
	Geisinger/Danville	43 (32.3%)		Geisinger OP Woodbine	129 (24.3%)
	Geisinger OP Woodbine	20 (15.0%)		Geisinger/Danville	54 (10.2%)

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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	37.6%	5.1%	53.7%	3.5%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	27.0%	9.0%	56.7%	7.3%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	20.4%	65.8%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	48.4%	1.6%	48.1%	1.9%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	29.4%	6.1%	63.0%	1.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	36.0%	NR	53.3%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	26.9%	NR	69.2%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	74.9%	NR	22.7%	NR
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	14.7%	12.9%	66.7%	5.8%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	28.3%	65.8%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.5%	NR	61.0%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	24.9%	3.6%	69.7%	1.8%

\* 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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