

Mercer County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Mercer County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 15 County Residents. In FY 2015, 7,462 (1 in 15) Mercer 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 9,805 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	3,269	6.7%	93.3%	284.5	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	317	0.3%	99.7%	27.6	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	189	21.7%	78.3%	16.5	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	2,128	1.0%	99.0%	185.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	548	28.5%	71.5%	47.7	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	176	0.0%	100.0%	15.3	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	139	3.6%	96.4%	12.1	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,744	19.8%	80.2%	151.8	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	371	1.3%	98.7%	32.3	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	272	12.9%	87.1%	23.7	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	229	8.3%	91.7%	19.9	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	502	3.4%	96.6%	43.7	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 Mercer 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	UPMC Horizon	2,503 (37.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	UPMC Horizon	79 (27.5%)
	Sharon Regional	2,239 (33.2%)		Edgewood Surgical	75 (26.1%)
	Edgewood Surgical	648 (9.6%)		Sharon Regional	57 (19.9%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	UPMC Horizon	431 (67.9%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Edgewood Surgical	1,253 (37.1%)
	Grove City	72 (11.3%)		UPMC Horizon	691 (20.5%)
	Sharon Regional	68 (10.7%)		Sharon Regional	458 (13.6%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	UPMC Horizon	163 (43.2%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	UPMC Horizon	329 (46.1%)
	CHP North SC	72 (19.1%)		Sharon Regional	204 (28.6%)
	Sharon Regional	69 (18.3%)		Grove City	67 (9.4%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Edgewood Surgical	1,440 (32.4%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	UPMC Horizon	273 (50.1%)
	Sharon Regional	1,193 (26.8%)		Sharon Regional	67 (12.3%)
	UPMC Horizon	736 (16.5%)		CHP North SC	63 (11.6%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	UPMC Horizon	300 (27.6%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	UPMC Horizon	166 (37.9%)
	Sharon Regional	216 (19.9%)		Sharon Regional	147 (33.6%)
	UPMC St. Margaret OP Ctr	163 (15.0%)		Grove City	36 (8.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	UPMC Horizon	155 (44.0%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	UPMC Horizon	409 (35.1%)
	Sharon Regional	116 (33.0%)		Sharon Regional	365 (31.3%)
	Grove City	34 (9.7%)		Edgewood Surgical	264 (22.6%)

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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	37.1%	7.5%	46.9%	8.6%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	30.0%	8.2%	50.2%	11.7%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	3.2%	38.6%	43.9%	14.3%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	43.0%	8.8%	44.8%	3.4%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.5%	11.5%	50.4%	7.7%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	42.0%	12.5%	39.8%	5.7%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	36.7%	4.3%	51.8%	7.2%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	66.6%	3.8%	26.8%	2.8%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	23.2%	13.2%	53.4%	10.2%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	3.3%	33.5%	52.9%	10.3%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.6%	12.2%	45.9%	8.3%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	20.1%	12.7%	59.0%	8.2%

* 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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