

Philadelphia County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Philadelphia County Residents in FY 2015



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

1 in 22 County Residents. In FY 2015, 71,896 (1 in 22) Philadelphia 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 85,306 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	41,761	43.7%	56.3%	267.6	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	1,498	6.1%	93.9%	9.6	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1,826	18.1%	81.9%	11.7	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	13,281	53.1%	46.9%	85.1	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	2,049	22.9%	77.1%	13.1	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	2,070	9.9%	90.1%	13.3	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	1,508	14.5%	85.5%	9.7	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	14,445	66.2%	33.8%	92.6	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	1,254	0.0%	100.0%	8.0	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	2,100	8.0%	92.0%	13.5	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	1,866	3.1%	96.9%	12.0	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	2,037	18.4%	81.6%	13.1	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 Philadelphia 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	Thomas Jefferson Univ	8,340 (10.1%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Penn Presbyterian	368 (11.8%)
	Temple University	8,244 (10.0%)		St Joseph's/Philadelphia	365 (11.7%)
	Albert Einstein	5,219 (6.3%)		Aria Health	335 (10.8%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Aria Health	616 (20.7%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Liberty Eye SC	3,245 (11.7%)
	Albert Einstein	524 (17.6%)		Wills SC Northeast	2,736 (9.8%)
	Hahnemann University	357 (12.0%)		Main Line SC	2,635 (9.5%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	St Christopher's Children	1,560 (43.8%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Temple University	298 (12.2%)
	Children's Hosp Phila	784 (22.0%)		Aria Health	297 (12.2%)
	Abington SC	188 (5.3%)		Pennsylvania	248 (10.2%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Albert Einstein	3,217 (11.9%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	St Christopher's Children	2,165 (51.2%)
	Aria Health	2,279 (8.4%)		Children's Hosp Phila	630 (14.9%)
	SC of Pennsylvania Hosp	2,009 (7.4%)		Thomas Jefferson Univ	382 (9.0%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Methodist Division/TJUH	645 (15.5%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Albert Einstein	328 (8.8%)
	Penn Presbyterian	350 (8.4%)		Aria Health	328 (8.8%)
	Aria Health	340 (8.2%)		Thomas Jefferson Univ	319 (8.5%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Albert Einstein	759 (17.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Penn Presbyterian	534 (13.2%)
	Hospital University PA	508 (11.8%)		Aria Health	374 (9.3%)
	Pennsylvania	406 (9.5%)		Pennsylvania	360 (8.9%)

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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	29.8%	16.4%	49.2%	4.7%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	27.6%	21.8%	47.0%	3.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5.0%	57.9%	32.1%	4.9%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	37.8%	17.8%	43.1%	1.3%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.9%	21.0%	48.6%	1.5%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	33.8%	21.2%	40.5%	4.6%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	24.1%	33.2%	40.9%	1.7%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	64.1%	9.1%	23.4%	3.4%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	19.8%	29.3%	47.9%	3.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.6%	61.9%	32.4%	4.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	26.4%	24.9%	44.5%	4.3%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	14.7%	18.6%	64.3%	2.5%

* 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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