

# Schuylkill County

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



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

**1 in 14 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 10,243 (1 in 14) Schuylkill 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 12,468 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	5,275	81.6%	18.4%	361.8	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	309	13.3%	86.7%	21.2	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	375	53.1%	46.9%	25.7	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	1,548	55.0%	45.0%	106.2	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	659	63.4%	36.6%	45.2	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	199	17.1%	82.9%	13.6	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	128	39.1%	60.9%	8.8	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	2,675	97.9%	2.1%	183.5	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	295	11.9%	88.1%	20.2	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	275	58.9%	41.1%	18.9	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	304	27.6%	72.4%	20.9	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	474	57.8%	42.2%	32.5	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 Schuylkill 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	Schuylkill Endoscopy	5,946 (56.5%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Reading SC/Spring Ridge	36 (13.8%)
	SC Pottsville	664 (6.3%)		Schuylkill-South Jackson	32 (12.3%)
	Geisinger/Danville	453 (4.3%)		Reading ASC	29 (11.1%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Schuylkill-South Jackson	342 (56.8%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Pottsville	1,861 (34.9%)
	St Luke's Miners	50 (8.3%)		Progressive Surgical Inst	1,364 (25.6%)
	Geisinger/Danville	24 (4.0%)		Mahoning Valley ASC	947 (17.8%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Schuylkill-South Jackson	343 (47.6%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Schuylkill-South Jackson	175 (25.3%)
	SC Pottsville	217 (30.1%)		Schuylkill-East Norwegian	148 (21.4%)
	Center for Advanced Surg	26 (3.6%)		Geisinger/Danville	68 (9.8%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Schuylkill-South Jackson	751 (23.5%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Schuylkill-South Jackson	325 (47.9%)
	Reading ASC	462 (14.5%)		SC Pottsville	196 (28.9%)
	SC Pottsville	363 (11.4%)		Geisinger/Danville	25 (3.7%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	SC Pottsville	174 (12.7%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	SC Pottsville	146 (22.2%)
	Schuylkill-South Jackson	173 (12.6%)		Schuylkill-East Norwegian	121 (18.4%)
	Keystone SC	150 (10.9%)		Schuylkill-South Jackson	113 (17.2%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Schuylkill-South Jackson	216 (49.7%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	SC Pottsville	162 (17.1%)
	Schuylkill-East Norwegian	26 (6.0%)		Schuylkill-South Jackson	151 (16.0%)
	SC Pottsville	25 (5.7%)		Reading ASC	142 (15.0%)

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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	36.4%	2.8%	56.5%	4.2%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	26.9%	3.2%	67.0%	2.9%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	9.9%	20.0%	67.7%	2.4%
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	39.3%	2.7%	55.6%	2.4%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	25.3%	6.4%	66.5%	1.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	29.1%	NR	65.8%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.3%	NR	68.0%	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	72.8%	1.0%	24.7%	1.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	17.3%	9.5%	71.2%	2.0%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	1.8%	19.3%	76.4%	2.5%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	29.3%	5.9%	60.5%	4.3%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	16.9%	5.9%	74.7%	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](http://www.phc4.org) and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

### About PHC4

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