

# Somerset County

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



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

**1 in 13 County Residents.** In FY 2015, 5,964 (1 in 13) Somerset 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 7,007 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	3,486	2.1%	97.9%	457.4	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	135	0.7%	99.3%	17.7	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	119	26.9%	73.1%	15.6	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	342	14.6%	85.4%	44.9	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	371	49.3%	50.7%	48.7	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	94	51.1%	48.9%	12.3	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	100	11.0%	89.0%	13.1	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	1,505	54.6%	45.4%	197.5	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	336	0.0%	100.0%	44.1	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	144	27.8%	72.2%	18.9	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	147	26.5%	73.5%	19.3	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	246	26.4%	73.6%	32.3	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 Somerset 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	Somerset	3,521 (51.4%)	Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Somerset	88 (45.6%)
	Windber	1,620 (23.7%)		Windber	55 (28.5%)
	Conemaugh Memorial	1,088 (15.9%)		Lee ASC	8 (4.1%)
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Conemaugh Memorial	133 (48.7%)	Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Ophthalmic Associates SC	1,477 (50.4%)
	Somerset	105 (38.5%)		Somerset	1,013 (34.5%)
	UPMC Presby Shadyside	9 (3.3%)		Conemaugh Meyersdale	155 (5.3%)
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	Somerset	87 (42.6%)	Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Somerset	423 (62.9%)
	Conemaugh Memorial	36 (17.6%)		Conemaugh Memorial	157 (23.3%)
	Lee ASC	34 (16.7%)		Windber	68 (10.1%)
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Conemaugh Memorial	300 (37.0%)	Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Somerset	114 (43.3%)
	Somerset	259 (31.9%)		Conemaugh Memorial	60 (22.8%)
	UPMC Presby Shadyside	60 (7.4%)		Lee ASC	45 (17.1%)
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Lee ASC	223 (30.5%)	Repair of Hernia in Groin	Somerset	85 (28.7%)
	Somerset	214 (29.3%)		Lee ASC	71 (24.0%)
	Conemaugh Memorial	79 (10.8%)		Windber	57 (19.3%)
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Lee ASC	82 (44.1%)	Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Conemaugh Memorial	171 (35.9%)
	Windber	43 (23.1%)		Lee ASC	126 (26.5%)
	Conemaugh Memorial	27 (14.5%)		Somerset	100 (21.0%)

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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	38.3%	6.5%	44.9%	10.3%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	47.4%	5.2%	34.8%	12.6%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	35.3%	52.9%	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	39.2%	9.6%	47.1%	4.1%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	30.5%	11.9%	48.8%	8.9%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	38.3%	NR	50.0%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	32.0%	6.0%	55.0%	7.0%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	63.3%	2.3%	29.2%	5.2%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.1%	16.4%	50.6%	11.9%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	25.7%	62.5%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	31.3%	8.2%	45.6%	15.0%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.9%	4.5%	71.1%	8.5%

\* 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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