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Common Outpatient Procedures for Sullivan 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 Sullivan County.

1 in 15 County Residents. In FY 2015, 436 (1 in 15) Sullivan 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 526 visits for these procedures.

	Procedure Count for	% Freestanding	% Hospital	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
Common Outpatient Procedures	County Residents	Ambulatory Center	Outpatient Department	County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	250	48.0%	52.0%	394.4	335.8
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	15	0.0%	100.0%	23.7	16.6
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	5	20.0%	80.0%	7.9	15.7
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	44	2.3%	97.7%	69.4	111.5
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	25	28.0%	72.0%	39.4	29.8
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	13	0.0%	100.0%	20.5	13.0
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	5	60.0%	40.0%	7.9	10.9
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	105	54.3%	45.7%	165.6	149.5
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	17	0.0%	100.0%	26.8	18.9
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	10	10.0%	90.0%	15.8	16.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	18	0.0%	100.0%	28.4	17.9
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	21	14.3%	85.7%	33.1	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.



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 Sullivan County residents have these outpatient procedures?

Includes data from FY 2014 through FY 2015 to maximize reporting

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	Robert Packer Endoscopy	109 (24.1%)		
	Susquehanna Endoscopy	94 (20.8%)		
	Guthrie Towanda Memorial	54 (11.9%)		
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	Divine Providence	16 (53.3%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	<5 (NR)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	Robert Packer	38 (48.1%)		
	Geisinger/Danville	16 (20.3%)		
	Geisinger Wyoming Valley	5 (6.3%)		
Release of Carpal	Robert Packer	10 (27.8%)		
Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Williamsport Regional	9 (25.0%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	Robert Packer	10 (47.6%)		
	Divine Providence	8 (38.1%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		
Removal of Bunion	Guthrie Towanda Memorial	5 (41.7%)		
and Repair of Toe	NR	<5 (NR)		
Deformity	NR	<5 (NR)		
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	SC Central PA	102 (42.3%)		
	Robert Packer	82 (34.0%)		
	Muncy Valley	19 (7.9%)		
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Geisinger/Danville	8 (29.6%)		
	Guthrie Towanda Memorial	5 (18.5%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	Guthrie Towanda Memorial	7 (36.8%)		
	Robert Packer	7 (36.8%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Repair of Hernia in Groin	Geisinger/Danville	6 (25.0%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Robert Packer	10 (33.3%)		
	Williamsport Regional	9 (30.0%)		
	NR	<5 (NR)		

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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	48.4%	4.4%	42.4%	4.8%
Disintegration of Kidney Stones using Shock Waves	80.0%	NR	NR	NR
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	NR	NR	NR	NR
Injection of Spine for Pain Management	54.5%	NR	38.6%	NR
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	28.0%	NR	64.0%	NR
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	61.5%	NR	38.5%	NR
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	NR	NR	NR	NR
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	79.0%	NR	19.0%	NR
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	NR	NR	52.9%	NR
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	NR	NR	70.0%	NR
Repair of Hernia in Groin	33.3%	NR	50.0%	NR
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	23.8%	NR	76.2%	NR

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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