

Volume Results

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Spinal Fusion is a procedure used to join two or more bones of the spine (vertebrae) using various artificial (e.g., metal screws, rods, plates) components and bone graft material to fixate (stabilize) the spine while allowing time for the vertebrae to fuse together.

Total Hip Replacement is a procedure used to replace the two damaged parts of the hip joint, the upper end of the thigh bone (femur/femoral head) and the socket (acetabulum). Both damaged parts are replaced with various artificial (e.g., metal, plastic) components.

Total Knee Replacement is a procedure used to replace the three damaged parts of the knee joint, the lower end of the thigh bone (femur), the upper end of the shin bone (tibia), and the kneecap (patella). All three damaged parts are replaced with various artificial (e.g., metal, plastic) components.

Table Notes

Measures Reported in the Volume Results

Total Number of Cases represents the count of inpatient cases and outpatient cases, for patients 18 years and older who underwent the procedure. Note that number of inpatient cases reported in the **Volume Results** section of the report is often higher than the number of cases displayed in the **Hospital Results** section where only cases used to report outcome measures are included.

Inpatient Cases represents the count of cases performed in a Pennsylvania inpatient acute care hospital.

Outpatient Cases represents the count of cases performed in a Pennsylvania hospital outpatient department or ambulatory surgery center.

See **About the Report** and **Technical Notes** for further details.