

PA Health Care Cost Containment Council

Special Data Requests Update

April 2023

Executive Committee Officers for 2023

Chair: Robert S. Bair President, The Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council

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PHC4 Data Users Series

Understanding Variations in Perioperative Care for Lung Cancer

Dr. Tyler Grenda, Assistant Professor at the Division of Thoracic Surgery Department of Surgery, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University used hospitalization and ambulatory procedure data from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) to conduct a research study that investigated the association of healthcare outcomes and variations in the utilization of services across the spectrum of perioperative care for patients with lung cancer.

Dr. Grenda noted, "Overall, the findings from our study demonstrated that hospitals with the best perioperative outcomes for lung cancer resection (e.g., lowest mortality) utilized fewer inpatient services in the months prior to- and following episodes related to lung cancer surgery."

The findings from Dr. Grenda's study may be used to enhance quality improvement efforts and ensure high-value care across patients.

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Data Release

Administrative & Revenue Data

Third quarter 2022 inpatient and ambulatory/outpatient administrative and revenue data is available for purchase. Fourth quarter 2022 data is scheduled to be released July 2023.

Utilization Reports

PHC4's online [inpatient](#) and [ambulatory/outpatient](#) utilization summary statistics based on county residents have been updated on [PHC4's website](#) with third quarter 2022 data.

Financial Data

Fiscal year 2021 hospital and ambulatory surgery center financial data is available for purchase.

PHC4 Reports

Cancer Surgery Volume Report

PHC4's new Cancer Surgery Volume report shows the number of surgeries performed in Pennsylvania hospitals for eleven types of cancer during July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The types of cancers include bladder, brain, breast, colon, esophageal, liver, lung, pancreatic, prostate, rectal and stomach cancer. The information contained in this report may help cancer patients and their families make decisions about cancer surgical care in Pennsylvania.

Cancer Surgeries in PA Hospitals, July 2021 -June 2022

- Bladder 1,178
- Brain 1,426
- Breast 12,324
- Colon 3,521
- Esophagus 298
- Liver 555
- Lung 2,377
- Pancreas 490
- Prostate 1,875
- Rectum 838
- Stomach 325

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Special Data Requests

Contact PHC4's Special Requests staff to purchase data for your health care projects. Our analysts will work with you to meet your comprehensive data needs.

Visit the [Services – Data Requests](#) section of PHC4's website for more information about our data and services, or contact JoAnne Nelson, supervisor of Special Requests at specialrequests@phc4.org.



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