

# Save Money

## Steps Before You Schedule an Outpatient Procedure

Outpatient procedures and tests are often done separate from a normal doctor's office visit and in a non-emergency situation. That means you may have time to research facilities and ask the right questions before you choose.

The next time you're scheduled for one of the procedures or tests listed in the right side bar, we hope you'll look at The Alliance's *QualityCounts™ Outpatient Procedures and Tests Report*. This report provides information on the cost of some typical outpatient procedures, tests and surgery.

## Accessing Your Report

To access the *QualityCounts™ Outpatient Procedures and Tests Report*:

- » Visit The Alliance 'Find a Doctor' function at [www.the-alliance.org/find\\_doctor.aspx](http://www.the-alliance.org/find_doctor.aspx).
- » If you see the *QualityCounts™* logo when you search for a facility, it means you can access this information.
- » You can also find *QualityCounts™* at [www.the-alliance.org/qualitycounts.aspx](http://www.the-alliance.org/qualitycounts.aspx).



## Tests and Procedures

You can find costs for all of these in the report:

### Surgical Procedures:

- » Removal of Adenoids
- » Arthroscopic Knee Surgery
- » Cataract Surgery
- » Laparoscopic Gallbladder Surgery
- » Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery
- » Tube Insertion for Middle Ear Infections

### CT (Computed Tomography) and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging):

- » Abdominal CT
- » Abdominal CT with Contrast
- » Brain MRI without and with Contrast
- » Head or Brain CT
- » Lower Spine MRI
- » Pelvic CT with Contrast

### Other Tests:

- » Bone Density
- » Cardiac Perfusion Scan
- » Colonoscopy
- » Mammogram
- » Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy