

Bexar County



Access to Cancer Care For Low-Income and Uninsured Patients

We hope this information is helpful if you are looking for cancer treatment or cancer screening, like a mammogram, Pap test, or prostate exam, and do not have insurance or enough money to pay for medical care.

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I want to be checked for cancer. Where do I go?

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★ Federally Qualified Health Centers

If you cannot get help from the Indigent Health Care Program, you may be able to see a doctor at a Primary Care clinic that will let you pay on a “**sliding scale.**” This means that the amount of money you pay is based on how many family members live in your house and how much money you make. For example, if you have a big family and make just a little money, you would pay less for medical care. If you have a smaller family or make a little more money, you would pay a little more.

For more information and to find the nearest clinic, call the numbers below:

Communicare’s Dr. Frank Bryant Health Center 3066 East Commerce San Antonio, TX 78220 (210) 233-7000	Communicare Barrio Family Health Center 1102 Barclay San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 434-2368	Communicare Public Housing Primary Care Office 3066 East Commerce San Antonio, TX 78220 (210) 233-7180
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CentroMed Dullnig Clinic 204 Nolan San Antonio, TX 78202 (210) 229-9322	CentroMed Healthcare for the Homeless - Dwyer Center 307 Dwyer Ave. San Antonio, TX 78204 (210) 225-2234	San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMM) Shelter Clinic 920 West Commerce San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 227-2801
CentroMed Santa Rosa Clinic 333 N. Santa Rosa, Ste 4671 San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 738-8222	CentroMed South Park Care Cntr 6315 South Zarzamora San Antonio, TX 78211 (210) 924-9254	CentroMed Southside Clinic 910 S.W. Military San Antonio, TX 78221 (210) 923-4646
CentroMed Walzem Clinic 5253 Walzem Rd San Antonio, TX 78218 (210) 651-1050	CentroMed Somerset Clinic 7315 S. Loop 1604 West San Antonio, TX 78069 (830) 429-3582 or (210) 624-3045	CentroMed Palo Alto Clinic 9011 Poteet-Jourdanton Rd. San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 921-6010

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- Different screenings are different prices

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140 Industrial Loop Rd, Ste 100
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
(830) 990-8651

For U. S. Military Veterans

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For Women

★ Women who want to get checked for **cervical cancer or breast cancer** may be able to get help through a special program called **Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS)**.

- To have a PAP test for cervical cancer, you must be 18 to 64 years old.
- To have a mammogram (breast cancer test), you must be 50 to 64 years old.
- You will need to show how much money you make, so you may be asked to show a paycheck stub.

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University Health System 527 N. Leona San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 358-3802	Health Care for the Homeless 204 Nolan San Antonio, TX 78202 (210) 229-9322

El Centro del Barrio/CentroMed 2300 W. Commerce, Ste 300 San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 922-0103	CentroMed Clinic - San Saba 315 N. San Saba, Ste 103 San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 738-8222
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★ **Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation**

Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation provides **free mammograms** (breast cancer test) for women who do not qualify for BCCS or Medicaid/Medicare coverage of mammography. Also gives lessons on early detection, breast self-examination and healthy lifestyles for women at poverty level.

Call the number below for more information or to make an appointment:

Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation P.O. Box 780067 San Antonio, TX 78278 (210) 692-9535 (helpline)

★ **South Texas Mobile Access Project – Mobile Mammography**

Mobile Mammography Unit provides free or low cost mammograms (breast cancer test) to uninsured women who have difficulty accessing breast health care.

Call the number below for more information or to make an appointment:

South Texas Mobile Access Project – Mobile Mammography 414 N. San Saba San Antonio, TX 78207 (210) 704- 4100
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Appointments

When you go for your appointment, be sure to bring any medical records you have. This information will help the doctor understand your needs better. For example, bring:

- Results of past medical or lab tests
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I have cancer. Where do I go?

If you have been told that you need treatment for cancer and:

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What if I still cannot get help for cancer care?

If you cannot get help from the county program or a Federally Qualified Health Center, you may want to call one of the hospitals below.

★ The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has named four cancer centers in Texas as leaders in cancer research. Two centers are in Houston, one is in Dallas and one is in San Antonio. These centers focus on finding new treatments for cancer through clinical trial testing. To find out more, visit the Web sites or call the numbers below:

Cancer Therapy & Research Center at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio

1-800-340-2872

<http://www.uthscsa.edu/patient.shtml>

The Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

(713) 798-1354

<http://www.bcm.edu/cancercenter/>

Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center

(214) 645-HOPE (4673)

(800) 460-HOPE (4673)

<http://www.simmonscancercenter.org/index.html>

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

1-877-MDA-6789 (1-877-632-6789)

http://www.mdanderson.org/contact_us/

★ The following hospitals in your area may also treat low-income or uninsured patients. You would need to contact each hospital to find out if you can make an appointment to be seen:

Brooke Army Medical Center

(210) 916-1053

Baptist Medical Center

(210) 297-7000

<http://www.baptisthealthsystem.com>

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital

(210) 704-2011

<http://www.christussantarosa.org>

Methodist Hospital

(210) 575-4000

<http://www.sahealth.com>

Methodist Stone Oak Hospital

(210) 638-2000

<http://http://www.stoneoakhealth.com/>

Metropolitan Methodist Hospital

(210)757-2200

<http://www.SAHealth.com>

North Central Baptist Hospital

(210)297-4000

<http://www.northcentralbaptisthospital.com>

Northeast Methodist Hospital

(210)650-4949

<http://mhshealth.com>

Where can I learn more about cancer care?

There are many groups that help cancer patients. These groups may offer financial assistance, support services or free information about cancer. You can get a list of these groups from the **National Cancer Institute** by clicking on or typing in the following link:

<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/factsheet/FactsheetSearch.aspx?FSType=8.1>

- ★ You may also call the **National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service** at **1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)**.
- ★ The **American Cancer Society (ACS)** also has support groups and information about cancer. You may call **1-800-227-2345** or go to the Web site: <http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp>.
- ★ The **Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)** has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call **1-866-235-7205** or visit the Web site: <http://www.livestrong.org>
- ★ **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** is a breast cancer helpline. Call 1-800-462-9273 (1-800-I'M AWARE®) or visit the Web site: <http://www.komen.org>
- ★ Visit the **Texas Cancer Information (texascancer.info)** Web site at <http://www.texascancer.info/> for lists of doctors, hospitals, breast and colon cancer screening services, home health agencies, and hospices. You can find support, counseling, education and other help such as transportation, housing and medical equipment by clicking on **Local/Community Resources**.



This document can be found in PDF format on the Texas Cancer Information Web site at http://www.texascancer.info/access/access_bexar.pdf.

Una versión en español de este documento también se puede encontrar en el formato de PDF en la página de Internet de Texas Cancer Information:

http://www.texascancer.info/access/acceso_espanol_bexar.pdf.

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