

Tarrant 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?

If you want to be checked for cancer and:

- You live in Tarrant County
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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 number below:

<p>Albert Galvan Health Clinic 2106 N. Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76164 (817) 625-4254</p>
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★ **American Cancer Society North Texas Region- Fort Worth**

Offers **free cancer screenings** for the following:

- **Year Round**-Breast and Cervical
- **September**-Prostate
- **March**-Colon
- **May**-Skin

Also provides transportation to treatment and other services.

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

American Cancer Society North Texas Region- Fort Worth

3301 West Freeway
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 737-9990

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.

Call one of the clinics below to see about making an appointment:

Tarrant County Public Health 1101 S. Main St Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 321- 4700	American Cancer Society North Texas Region- Fort Worth 3301 West Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 737-9990
Tarrant County Public Health Arlington Clinic 536 W. Randol Mill Rd. Arlington, TX 76011 (817) 548- 3996	Planned Parenthood of North Texas, Inc 7424 Greenville Ave, Ste 211A Dallas, TX 75231 (214) 373- 1868

★ **Bridge Breast Center**

The **Bridge Breast Center** provides screenings and diagnostic services for **breast cancer** based 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. You may be able to get help through this program if:

- Your income does not exceed 250% above the Federal Poverty Level.
- You have a breast health issue
- You are uninsured or under-insured

Call the clinic below for more information:

The Bridge Breast Center
3600 Gaston Ave. Ste 401
Dallas, TX 75246
(214) 821-3820

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I have cancer. Where do I go?

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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:

Arlington Memorial Hospital

(817) 548- 6100

Medical Center of Arlington

(817) 465- 3241

<http://www.medicalcenterarlington.com/index2.htm>

Harris Methodist Northwest

(817) 444- 8600

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hurst Euless Bedford

(817) 685-4000, ext. 4600

<http://texashealth.org>

Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth

(817) 926-2544

Baylor Medical Center at Southwest Fort Worth

(817) 346-5700

<http://www.bhcs.com>

Harris Methodist Fort Worth

(817) 250-2000

<http://www.texashealth.org>

Harris Methodist Southwest

(817) 433-5000

<http://annacapriotti@texashealth.org>

Huguley Memorial Medical Center

(817) 293-9110

John Peter Smith Hospital

(817) 921-3431

<http://www.jpshealthnet.org>

Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth

(817) 336-2100

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

(682) 622-2000

North Hills Hospital
(817) 255-1000
<http://www.northhillshospital.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**.



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

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