

Travis 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 Travis County
- You make a low income
- You do not have health insurance
- You cannot get Medicare or Medicaid

You may be able to get help through one of the programs listed below. Each one may have different rules about how you qualify for services, so call the number listed for more information.

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For more information, call the number or go by the office listed below:

Travis County Healthcare District
 1111 E Cesar Chavez
 Austin, TX 78702
 (512) 978-8085

★ 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:

<p>Austin Community Care Services Dept 15 Waller St. Austin, TX 78702 (512) 972-4242</p>	<p>Rosewood- Zaragosa CHC 2802 Webberville Rd. Austin, TX 78702 (512) 972-4792</p>
<p>Austin Resource Center for the Homeless 500 E 7th St Austin, TX 78701 (512) 305-4100</p>	<p>North Rural Comm. Health Clinic 15822 Foothill Farms Loop C Pflugerville, TX 78660 (512) 251-6094</p>
<p>David Powell Comm. Health Center 4614 North IH-35 Austin, TX 78751 (512) 978-9100</p>	<p>East Rural CHC 600 W. Carrie Manor St Manor, TX 78653 (512) 972-4068</p>
<p>Salvation Army Homeless Clinic 501 E 8th St Austin, TX 78701 (512) 476-2628</p>	<p>West Rural Community Health Center 8656- A W Hwy 71, Ste C Austin, TX 78735 (512) 854-2130</p>

★ The Good Samaritan Center

The Good Samaritan Center of Fredericksburg serves the low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents of the Texas Hill Country with affordable **cancer screenings**. The patient's cost is \$15 to \$25 per visit, depending upon their family income. Laboratory fees, x-rays, and other tests are additional, although they are offered at a 95% discount. The center provides what medicines it can at no cost and continues to add new services as needs demand, and time and finances permit.

- 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

★ If you are a **veteran**, you may be able to be seen at a **Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic**. To find out more about veteran's benefits, go to <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/>. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at the number below:

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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:

Community Women's Wellness Center 2901 North IH 35, Ste 101 Austin, TX 78722 (512) 232-3900	The University of Texas at Austin P.O. Box 7726 Austin, TX 78713 (512) 471- 6424
DSHS Family and Community Health 1100 W. 49th St. Mail Code 1923 Austin, TX 78756 (512) 458-7796 or (800) 248-1078	

★ **Breast Cancer Resource Center (BCRC)**

The BCRC has information on resources that provide services in **breast cancer** detection, education and support. If you want to get a **free mammogram** (breast cancer test) or already have cancer and need further help the **BCRC** can help.

Call one of the numbers below for more information or to make an appointment:

BCRC - Austin 900 E. 30 th St., Ste 108 Austin, TX 78703 (512) 544-0900	BCRC – Brackenridge 601 E. 15 th St. Austin, TX 78701 (512) 324- 7992
BCRC – North Austin 12221 MoPac Expressway Austin, TX 78758 (512) 901-6644	BCRC – Round Rock 2300 Round Rock Ave. Round Rock, TX 78681 (512) 248-2645

★ **Seton Cancer Screening**

Seton Cancer Screening provides a van to go to different places in Central Texas to give low cost **mammograms** (breast cancer test) for women with low income and no health insurance.

- Must be 40 and older
- Must have low income and no health insurance
- Must not have any lumps or other breast problems
- Cannot have had breast cancer
- \$10 fee

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

Seton Cancer Screening

2600 E. MLK Blvd

Austin, TX 78702

(512) 505-5528 or (866) 294-4923 **(toll-free)**

★ The following hospitals in your area may also conduct **breast and pelvic** examinations. You would need to contact each hospital to find out if you can qualify for a low income program and to make an appointment to be seen:

Seton Northwest Hospital

11113 Research Blvd

Austin, TX 78759

(512) 324-6000

Seton Medical Center Austin

1201 West 38th St

Austin, TX 78705

(512) 324-1000

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
- Records of any treatments you have had
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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:

St. David's Medical Center

(512) 476- 7111

<http://www.stdavids.com/sdmc.aspx?id=1024>

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

(512) 943- 3000

<http://www.stdavids.com/sdgh.aspx?id=758>

St. David's South Austin Hospital

(512) 447- 2211

<http://www.stdavids.com/sdsah.aspx?id=1030>

Brackenridge Hospital

(512) 624- 7000

<http://www.seton.net/locations/brackenridge/>

Seton Medical Center Austin

(512) 324- 1070

<http://www.seton.net/locations/smc/>

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/acceso_espanol_travis.pdf.

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