

Access to Cancer Care For Low-Income and Uninsured Patients in Bosque County

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

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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 veterans' benefits, go to https://www.va.gov/health-care/. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at the number below:

Health Benefits Hotline: 1-877-222-VETS(8387)

You may also call or visit the following VA facilities in or near **Bosque County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

4800 Memorial Drive Waco, TX 76711-1329

254-752-6581

https://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/Waco.asp



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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)**. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program services include:

- Screening services
 - Clinical breast examination

- o Mammogram
- Pelvic examination and Pap test
- Diagnostic services
- Cervical dysplasia management and treatment
- Help applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer

You may receive these benefits if you:

- Are a female.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Are 18 or older.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Meet income requirements (200% Federal Poverty Level)

If you have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and don't have health insurance that will pay for your treatment, you may be eligible to receive full Medicaid benefits by applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer. Contact a Breast and Cervical Cancer Services clinic to see if you qualify for this Medicaid program.

For more information, visit https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/bccs-program or call 2-1-1.

You may also call or visit one of the following BCCS clinics in or near **Bosque County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Solis Mammography Burleson

12500 S Fwy Burleson, TX 76028 817-509-9095

https://www.solismammo.com/dfw/burleson



Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Huguley

11801 S Fwy Burleson, TX 76028 817-568-5599

https://www.texashealthhuguley.org/



Erik Furman MD

505 N Ridgeway Dr Cleburne, TX 76033 817-556-2559



Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Cleburne

201 Walls Drive Cleburne, TX 76033 817-641-2551

https://www.texashealth.org/locations/texas-health.cleburne



Goodall-Witcher Hospital

101 Posey Ave (S Ave T) Clifton, TX 76634

Comanche County Medical Center and Family Clinic

10201 Hwy 16 North

254-675-8322

https://www.gwhealthcare.org/



Comanche, TX 76442 800-405-7739

https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncriefcancer-institute/



Doctors Medical Center

10201 Hwy 16 North Comanche, TX 76442 800-405-7739

https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncrief-cancer-institute/



Glen Rose Medical Center

1021 Holden St Glen Rose, TX 76043 254-897-2215

https://glenrosemedicalcenter.com/



Hood Medical Group

1308 Paluxy Rd, Ste A Granbury, TX 76048 817-408-3197



Lake Granbury Medical Center

1310 Paluxy Rd Granbury, TX 76048 817-573-2683

https://www.lakegranburymedicalcenter.com/



Hamilton General Hospital

400 N Brown Hamilton, TX 76531 254-386-1600 https://hamiltonhospital.org/



Hill Regional Hospital

101 Circle Dr Hillsboro, TX 76645 254-580-8500

https://www.hillregionalhospital.com/



Stephenville Medical and Surgical Clinic

150 River N Blvd Stephenville, TX 76401 254-968-6051

https://www.smsc.org/



Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Stephenville

411 N Belknap Stephenville, TX 76401 254-965-1500

https://www.texashealth.org/locations/texas-health.stephenville



Baylor Scott and White Hillcrest Breast Center

50 Hillcrest Medical Blvd Waco, TX 76712

Cambell Clinic

1517 Texas Dr Weatherford, TX 76086

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Healthy Texas Women

Healthy Texas Women is a program dedicated to offering women's health and family planning at no cost to eligible women in Texas.

Healthy Texas Women provides a wide variety of women's health and core family planning services, including pelvic examinations, breast and cervical cancer screenings, clinical breast examination, mammograms, and other services.

The program pays only for specific services. If a health problem such as cancer is found, you will be referred to a doctor or clinic that can treat you. You can receive these benefits if you:

- Are a woman between the ages of 18 to 44 years old. (Women are considered 18 years of age on the day of her 18th birthday and 44 years of age through the last day of the month of her 45th birthday.)
- Are a woman between the ages of 15 to 17 years old and have a parent or legal guardian apply, renew, and report changes to your case on your behalf. (Women are considered 15 years of age the first day of the month of her 15th birthday and 17 years of age through the day before her 18th birthday.)
- Are a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Are not pregnant.
- Meet the income requirements monthly family income below 200% Federal Poverty Level. (See website for details.)

For more information, visit the website at https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply

or call 2-1-1. Pick a language and then press 2. If you can't connect to 2-1-1, call 1-877-541-7905 (toll-free).

Mary Ruth Duncan Women's Health Center

Medicaid and low income patients are welcomed based on a **sliding scale.** If you are uninsured, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance for your procedure. You can confidentially find out if you qualify by calling the clinic. A **Well Woman Exam**, also known as an **Annual**, includes:

- Pelvic Exam
- Pap Test (to check for cervical cancer)
- Breast Exam (along with teaching how to do an exam on yourself)

When a patient has an abnormal Pap test, further diagnostic testing and minor treatment are also available (colposcopy, cervical biopsy and cryotherapy)

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

Mary Ruth Duncan Women's Health Center

700 West Highway 6 Suite B Waco, TX 76712 (254) 759-5750

https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/texas/waco/76712/mary-ruth-duncan-health-center-4284-91620

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Other Screening Programs

UT Southwestern/Moncrief Cancer Institute CSPAN

https://www.moncrief.com/colorectal-cancer-screening

The objective of the <u>Colorectal Cancer Screening and Patient Navigation Program (CSPAN)</u> is to increase screening rates in un/underinsured and minority populations through mailed outreach supported by patient navigation.

To qualify for this program, you must:

- Be between the age of 50 and 74
- Be a current resident in the state of Texas
- Have no personal history of colorectal cancer, colon resection (surgery), inflammatory bowel disease, or colon polyps
- Have not had
 - A stool-based test in the last year
 - A sigmoidoscopy exam (to look inside the rectum and lower colon) within the last 5 years
 - A colonoscopy exam (to look inside the rectum and entire colon) within the last 10 years

To request your free at-home colon cancer screening kit, call **888-223-8620** or complete the online form at https://www.moncrief.com/colonscreeningkit.

Financial assistance for those who qualify is provided by a grant from the <u>Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)</u>.

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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
- Records of any treatments you have had
- A list of any medicines you are taking right now



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 websites or call the numbers below:

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
1-877-MDA-6789 (1-877-632-6789)
https://www.mdanderson.org/about-md-anderson/contact-us.html

UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center 1-800-340-2872 or 210-450-1000 https://www.uthscsa.edu/patient-care/cancer-center

You may want to contact other hospitals in your area that 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. Please visit the Texas Cancer Information Hospitals page at https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html to search for a hospital in your area that does cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment or continuing care.

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Where can I learn more about cancer?

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https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/

You may also call the **National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS)** 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 website: https://www.cancer.org/
- LIVE**STRONG** has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call **1-855-220-7777** or visit the website: https://www.livestrong.org
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a breast cancer helpline. Call 1-877-456-6636 (1-877-GOKOMEN) or visit the website: https://www.komen.org
- Visit the Texas Cancer Information (texascancer.info) website at https://www.texascancer.info/ for lists of doctors, hospitals, breast, colon and skin cancer screening services and hospices. You can find support, counseling, education and other help such as transportation, housing and medical equipment by clicking on Find Cancer Services.

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Click on one of the following links to download or print a PDF (updated 05/07/2021) of all access to care information for Bosque County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at https://www.texascancer.info/access/.**

- <u>access_bosque.pdf</u> (English)
- <u>acceso espanol bosque.pdf</u> (en español)

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