



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

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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 Galveston 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 and apply for services, so call the number listed for more information.

### Galveston County Indigent Health Care Program

If you live in Galveston County you may be able to get help through the **Galveston County Indigent Health Care Program**. The program ensures that needy Galveston county residents, who do not qualify for other state or federal health care assistance programs, receive health care. If you are a Galveston county resident who is determined to be at the 100% poverty level or less you may be eligible for this program. CIHCP covers the cost of medically necessary services, such as hospital or specialist care that requires a referral. This program does not pay for primary care, which is funded and available through Coastal Health & Wellness.

For more information, call the number, e-mail, go by one of the offices, or visit the website listed below:

#### **Galveston County Indigent Health Care Program (GCIHCP)**

9850-C Suite 101

Emmett F. Lowry Expy

Texas City, TX 77591

409-949-3439

countyindigent@gchd.org

<https://www.gchd.org/county-indigent-health-care/about-county-indigent-health-care-program>

You may also mail your completed application to:

**GCIHCP**






P.O. Box 939




La Marque, TX 77568

## 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 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) 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. Clinics that see adult patients are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

<p><b>Community Health Network - Bay Area Family Care</b> 1136 Grand Ave Bacliff, TX 77518 281-824-1480 <a href="https://mychn.org/locations/bay-area-family-care/">https://mychn.org/locations/bay-area-family-care/</a></p> 	<p><b>St. Hope Community Health Center - Dickinson</b> 3750 Medical Park Blvd Ste 150 Dickinson, TX 77539-7385 832-431-5162 <a href="https://www.offeringhope.org/our-locations">https://www.offeringhope.org/our-locations</a></p> 
<p><b>St. Hope Foundation - Dickinson Community Health Center</b> 3750 Medical Park Dr, Suite 150 Dickinson, TX 77539-7385 713-955-4821 <a href="https://www.offeringhope.org/our-locations">https://www.offeringhope.org/our-locations</a></p> 	<p><b>Coastal Health and Wellness - Galveston</b> 4700 Broadway St F100 Galveston, TX 77551-4241 409-938-2234 <a href="https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours">https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours</a></p> 
<p><b>Galveston Integrated Health Clinic</b> 123 25th St Fl 4 Galveston, TX 77550-1494 281-824-1480</p> 	<p><b>Community Health Network - League City Women and Children's Health Center</b> 2360 Gulf Fwy S #100-C League City, TX 77573-6448 281-602-4042 <a href="https://mychn.org/locations/league-city-women-and-childrens-center/">https://mychn.org/locations/league-city-women-and-childrens-center/</a></p>

	
<b>Coastal Health and Wellness - Texas City</b> 9850-C Emmett F Lowry Expressway Texas City, TX 77591-2122 409-938-2234 <a href="https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours">https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours</a>	<b>Coastal Health and Wellness - Texas City Mobile Van</b> 9850C Emmett F Lowry Expy Ste C103 Texas City, TX 77591-2122 409-949-3406 <a href="https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours">https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours</a>
	

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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 **Galveston County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

<b>Galveston County VA Clinic</b> 3828 Avenue N Galveston, TX 77550-6614 409-761-3200 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Galveston_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Galveston_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a>	<b>Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center</b> 2002 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030-4298 713-791-1414 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/">https://www.houston.va.gov/</a>
	
<b>Lake Jackson VA Clinic</b> 208 Oak Drive South Lake Jackson, TX 77566-5789 979-230-4852 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Lake_Jackson_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Lake_Jackson_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a>	<b>Texas City VA Clinic</b> 9300 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite 206 Texas City, TX 77591-2134 409-986-2900 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Texas_City_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Texas_City_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a>
	

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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
  - 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 between the ages of 18 to 64 years old.
- 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/healthcare-programs/breast-cervical-cancer-services> or call **2-1-1**.

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

<p><b>UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Angleton</b> 1108 E Mulberry St, Ste A Angleton, TX 77515 409-266-1888 <a href="https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services">https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services</a> </p>	<p><b>The Rose Galleria</b> 6575 W Loop South, Suite 275 Bellaire, TX 77401 281-484-4708 <a href="http://www.therose.org/centers/">http://www.therose.org/centers/</a> </p>
<p><b>UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Dickinson</b></p>	<p><b>UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Galveston</b></p>

<p>3828 Hughes Ct, Suite 104 Dickinson, TX 77539 409-266-1888 <a href="https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services">https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>	<p>1005 Harborside Driv, 7th Floor Galveston, TX 77550 409-266-1888 <a href="https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services">https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>
<p><b>Harris Health System Acres Home Health Center</b> 818 Ringold St Houston, TX 77088 281-448-6391 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/acres-home-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/acres-home-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>	<p><b>Harris Health System Aldine Health Center</b> 4755 Aldine Mail Route Houston, TX 77039 281-985-7600 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/aldine-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/aldine-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>
<p><b>Harris Health System Ben Taub Hospital</b> 1504 Taub Loop Houston, TX 77030 713-873-2000 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/ben-taub.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/ben-taub.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>	<p><b>Harris Health System Casa de Amigos Health Center</b> 1615 N Main St Houston, TX 77009 713-222-2272 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/casa-de-amigos-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/casa-de-amigos-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>
<p><b>Harris Health System El Franco Lee Health Center</b> 8901 Boone Rd Houston, TX 77099 281-454-0500 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/el-franco-lee-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/el-franco-lee-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>	<p><b>Harris Health System Gulfgate Health Center</b> 7550 Office City Dr Houston, TX 77012 713-495-3700 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/gulfgate-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/gulfgate-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>
<p><b>Harris Health System Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital</b> 5656 Kelley St Houston, TX 77026 713-566-5100 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/lbj.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/lbj.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>	<p><b>Harris Health System Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center</b> 3550 Swingle Rd Houston, TX 77047 713-547-1000 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/martin-luther-king-jr-health-center.aspx">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/martin-luther-king-jr-health-center.aspx</a></p> <p> <a href="#">Map It</a></p>
<p><b>Harris Health System Northwest Health Center</b> 1100 W 34th St Houston, TX 77018 713-861-3939 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/northwest">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/northwest</a></p>	<p><b>Harris Health System Settegast Health Center</b> 9105 N Wayside Dr Houston, TX 77088 713-633-2020 <a href="https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/settegast">https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/settegast</a></p>

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**Harris Health System Smith Clinic**

2525 Holly Hall St, Ste A  
Houston, TX 77054  
713-566-3600

<https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/smith-clinic.aspx>



**Harris Health System Vallbona Health Center**

6630 DeMoss St  
Houston, TX 77074  
713-272-2600

<https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/vallbona-health-center.aspx>



**The Rose Center for Breast Health Excellence**

12700 N Featherwood Dr, Suite 260  
Houston, TX 77034  
281-484-4708

<https://www.therose.org/>



**UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Katy**

511 Park Grove Dr  
Katy, TX 77450  
409-266-1888

<https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services>



**UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program New Caney**

21134 US Hwy 59  
New Caney, TX 77357  
281-577-8966

<https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services>



**Harris Health System Strawberry Health Center**

927 E Shaw Ave  
Pasadena, TX 77506  
713-982-5900

<https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/strawberry-health-center.aspx>



**UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Pasadena**

3737 Red Bluff, Suite 150  
Pasadena, TX 77503  
409-266-1888

<https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services>



**UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Pearland**

2750 E Broadway  
Pearland, TX 77581  
409-266-1888

<https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services>



**UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Sugar Land**





14823 Southwest Fwy  
Sugar Land, TX 77478  
409-266-1888

<https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services>

**Coastal Health and Wellness - Texas City**

9850-C Emmett F Lowry Expressway Ste A  
Texas City, TX 77591-2122

<https://www.gchd.org/clinical-services/locations-and-hours>

	
<p><b>Galveston County Health District - Women's Health Screenings Texas City</b>  9850-C Emmett F Lowry Expressway  Texas City, TX 77591  409-938-2236  <a href="https://www.gchd.org/public-health-services/environmental-health-services/woman-s-health-services">https://www.gchd.org/public-health-services/environmental-health-services/woman-s-health-services</a></p>	<p><b>UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Texas City</b>  2000 Texas Ave  Texas City, TX 77590  409-266-1888  <a href="https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services">https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services</a></p>
	


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## Project VALET (Free Breast Cancer Screening)

**Project VALET** (Providing Valuable Area Life-Saving Exams in Town) is a mammography education and screening program of [The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#) for asymptomatic women ages 40 to 74, who are uninsured, without county assistance and who are patients in participating clinics. Project VALET (PV) addresses barriers of cost and transportation by bringing free mobile mammography to the communities where eligible women reside. Project VALET also provides women with necessary follow-up diagnostic testing if needed, made possible through partnerships with participating facilities.

### How to Get a Screening Mammogram

**1) To participate in this program, schedule an appointment with one of the following participating clinics. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.**

<p><b>CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic</b>  2401 Termini Street  Dickinson, TX 77539  713-803-1830  <a href="https://www.christusfoundation.org/programs/christus-point-light-clinic/">https://www.christusfoundation.org/programs/christus-point-light-clinic/</a></p> 
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**2) Receive breast health education, at one of the participating clinics to learn what to expect at a mammogram and the importance of early detection for breast cancer.**

**3) Call and schedule the screening mammogram.**

Should diagnostic test(s) be required, patients will be referred to a participating organization that provides services to low-income and uninsured women. Diagnostic exams are paid through Project VALET for women who received a screening mammogram through this program.

For more information on Project VALET, visit <https://www.texasancer.info/breast/>.

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## Galveston County Health District, D'Feet Program

**D'Feet Breast Cancer, Inc.** is a non-profit organization that gives **free mammograms (breast cancer screenings)** and any necessary follow up care to uninsured and underserved Galveston County women.

In order to qualify for this program you must:

- Be a resident of Galveston County
- Be 40 - 64 years old
- Have a high risk for breast cancer
- Have no insurance
- Meet certain income guidelines

Free transportation can be provided if needed

For more information and scheduling call:

**D'Feet Breast Cancer, Inc.**

(409) 938-2270 or **24 hour hotline:** (409) 771-5574

<https://www.gchd.org/public-health-services/environmental-health-services/woman-s-health-services>

## 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).

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## Other Screening Programs

### Free Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Texas, but the number of people dying from this disease is dropping. One reason may be that colorectal cancer can be prevented by screening people who do not have any symptoms of cancer.

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#) is working with primary care clinics to get this life-saving screening to patients in Texas communities who are not otherwise able to afford or access it.

The FIT stool test is a colon cancer screening exam you can do at home. It is easy and it may save your life. To get a free FIT test through this program you should:

- Have a low-income and no medical insurance
- Be between 45 and 75 years old
- Not have any symptoms of colorectal cancer (rectal bleeding or blood in stool, persistent changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight loss)
- Not have inflammatory bowel disease (acute diarrhea, colitis, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis)

If your FIT test from a participating clinic shows that you have blood in your stool, you will be offered a free colonoscopy.

Contact a clinic from the list, below, to find out if you qualify to receive the free FIT colon cancer test. Patients who have already been diagnosed with colorectal polyps or cancer, or who have family members with colon polyps or colon cancer, should talk to a health care provider at the clinic about screening options. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

These projects are funded in part by the [Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas \(CPRIT\)](#). For more information, visit <https://www.texasancer.info/prevscrtreat/colonscreen.html>.

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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

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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 websites or call the numbers below:

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

(713) 798-2262

<https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center>

**Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center**

214-645-8300 or 817-882-2700

<https://utswmed.org/cancer/>

**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://cancer.uthscsa.edu/>

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.texasancer.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?

- 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://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/>
- **LIVESTRONG** 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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## I have been told I have cancer. Where do I go?

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La Marque, TX 77568



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

<p><b>Galveston County VA Clinic</b> 3828 Avenue N Galveston, TX 77550-6614 409-761-3200 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Galveston_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Galveston_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a></p> 	<p><b>Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center</b> 2002 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030-4298 713-791-1414 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/">https://www.houston.va.gov/</a></p> 
<p><b>Lake Jackson VA Clinic</b> 208 Oak Drive South Lake Jackson, TX 77566-5789 979-230-4852 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Lake_Jackson_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Lake_Jackson_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a></p> 	<p><b>Texas City VA Clinic</b> 9300 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite 206 Texas City, TX 77591-2134 409-986-2900 <a href="https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Texas_City_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp">https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Texas_City_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp</a></p> 

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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

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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 websites or call the numbers below:

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

(713) 798-2262

<https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center>

**Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center**

214-645-8300 or 817-882-2700

<https://utswmed.org/cancer/>

**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://cancer.uthscsa.edu/>

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.texasancer.info/prevscrtreat/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?

- 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://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/>
- **LIVESTRONG** 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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## Print or Download *Access to Cancer Care for Low-Income and Uninsured Patients*

Click on one of the following links to download or print a PDF (updated 01/21/2024) of all access to care information for Galveston County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at <https://www.texascancer.info/access/>.**

- [access\\_galveston.pdf](#) (English)
- [acceso\\_espanol\\_galveston.pdf](#) (en español)

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