

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

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

San Jacinto County Indigent Health Care Program 1 State Hwy 150 Rm. B8 Coldspring, TX 77331 (936) 653-2091 http://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.contact

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.

Health Center of Southeast Texas - Shepherd Branch 11 Woodland Park Drive Shepherd, TX 77371-6495 936-628-1100 https://www.hcset.com/

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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 <u>https://www.va.gov/health-care/</u>. 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 **San Jacinto County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Conroe VA Clinic	Tomball VA Clinic
690 South Loop 336 West, 3rd & 4th Floors	1200 W. Main Street
Conroe, TX 77304-3320	Tomball, TX 77375-5522
936-522-4000	281-516-1505
https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Conroe_VA_Ou	https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Tomball_VA_Ou
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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 <u>https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/breast-cervical-cancer-s</u> ervices or call **2-1-1**.

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

Harris Health System Baytown Health Center 1602 Garth Rd Baytown, TX 77520 713-526-4243 https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/bayto wn-health-center.aspx	The Rose Galleria 6575 W Loop South, Suite 275 Bellaire, TX 77401 281-484-4708 http://www.therose.org/centers/
Health Center of Southeast Texas - Cleveland	Lone Star Family Health Center - Conroe (Main)
Branch	605 S Conroe Medical Drive
307 N William Barnett Ave	Conroe, TX 77304-4722
Cleveland, TX 77327-4061	936-539-4004
281-592-2224	https://www.lonestarfamily.org/

https://hcset.com/locations/cleveland-branch/ Google Maps It	Google Map It
UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Conroe 701 E Davis, Ste A Conroe, TX 77301 409-266-1888 https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-s ervices	Harris Health System Acres Home Health Center 818 Ringold St Houston, TX 77088 281-448-6391 <u>https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/acre</u> <u>s-home-health-center.aspx</u>
Harris Health System Aldine Health Center	Harris Health System Ben Taub Hospital
4755 Aldine Mail Route	1504 Taub Loop
Houston, TX 77039	Houston, TX 77030
281-985-7600	713-873-2000
https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/aldin	https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/ben
e-health-center.aspx	-taub.aspx
Harris Health System Casa de Amigos Health Center	Harris Health System Gulfgate Health Center
1615 N Main St	7550 Office City Dr
Houston, TX 77009	Houston, TX 77012
713-222-2272	713-495-3700
https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/casa-	https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/gulf
de-amigos-health-center.aspx	gate-health-center.aspx
Harris Health System Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital 5656 Kelley St Houston, TX 77026 713-566-5100 https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/lbj.as px	Harris Health System Northwest Health Center 1100 W 34th St Houston, TX 77018 713-861-3939 https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/nort hwest-health-center.aspx Google Map It
Harris Health System Settegast Health Center	Harris Health System Smith Clinic
9105 N Wayside Dr	2525 Holly Hall St, Ste A
Houston, TX 77088	Houston, TX 77054
713-633-2020	713-566-3600
https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/sette	https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/smit
gast-health-center.aspx	h-clinic.aspx

Harris Health System Vallbona Health Center 6630 DeMoss St Houston, TX 77074 713-272-2600 <u>https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/vallb</u> ona-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-s ervices Google Map It	CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Hospital Livingston 1717 Hwy Bypass 59 Livingston, TX 77351 936-329-8700 https://www.stlukeshealth.org/locations/memorial-livi ngston-hospital Coose Maps Map It
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-s ervices	Harris Health System Strawberry Health Center 927 E Shaw Ave Pasadena, TX 77506 713-982-5900 https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/stra wberry-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-s ervices Google Map It	

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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 <u>https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply</u> 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.

<u>The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</u> 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 <u>Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)</u>. For more information, visit <u>https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/colonscreen.html</u>.

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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.

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The Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine (713) 798-2262 <u>https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center</u>

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 <u>https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html</u> 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: <u>https://www.cancer.org/</u>
- LIVESTRONG has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call 1-855-220-7777 or visit the website: <u>https://www.livestrong.org</u>
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a breast cancer helpline. Call 1-877-456-6636 (1-877-GOKOMEN) or visit the website: <u>https://www.komen.org</u>
- 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 <u>Find Cancer Services.</u>

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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 09/17/2023) of all access to care information for San Jacinto County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at** <u>https://www.texascancer.info/access/</u>.

- <u>access sanjacinto.pdf</u> (English)
- <u>acceso espanol sanjacinto.pdf</u> (en español)

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