

Dallas 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 Dallas 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.

★ Dallas County Indigent Health Care Program

If you live in Dallas County you may be able to get help through the **Dallas County Indigent Health Care Program**. If you are unfunded you can be covered by the **Charity Assistance Program**. You will need to fill out a form and show certain documents, such as a water bill, your mortgage or rent papers, or your driver's license to prove that you live in Dallas County.

You do not have to be a U.S citizen to get help. But if you have any documents (like visas) from Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), you must show these. You will also need to tell how many family members live in your house. You will have to show how much money you make, so you also may need to show a paycheck stub.

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

Parkland Health Hospital System
 5201 Harry Hines Blvd.
 Dallas, TX 75235
 (214) 590- 6073

★ 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>Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic, Inc. 2922-B Martin Luther King, Jr. Dallas, TX 75215 (214) 426- 3645</p>	<p>Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic, Inc. 809 Singleton Blvd. Dallas, TX 75212 (214) 571- 6130</p>
<p>Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic, Inc. 3111 Sylvan Dallas, TX 75212 (214) 571- 6130</p>	<p>Dallas County Health Department 5201 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 590- 0153</p>
<p>Austin St. Shelter 2929 Hickory Dallas, TX 75226 (214) 590- 0153</p>	<p>Center of Hope 4815 Cass St Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 590- 0153</p>
<p>Dallas Life Foundation 1100 Cadiz St Dallas, TX 75215 (214) 590- 0153</p>	<p>Day Resource Center 901 S. Ervay Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 590- 0153</p>

Family Gateway 711 S. St. Paul Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 590- 0153	Family Gateway Transitioners 4712 Gaston Ave. Dallas, TX 75246 (214) 590- 0153
Family Place 4300 Macarthur Dallas, TX 75209 (214)590- 0153	

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:

Veterans Affairs
Health care questions call 1-877-222-8387

You may also call or visit the following VA facility in or near **Dallas County**:

Dallas VA Medical Center
4500 South Lancaster Rd.
Dallas, TX 75216
(800) 849- 3597

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:

Dallas County Hospital District 5201 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 266- 3309	Planned Parenthood of North Texas, Inc 7424 Greenville Ave., Ste 211A Dallas, TX 75231 (214) 373- 1868
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★ **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

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

I have cancer. Where do I go?

If you have been told that you need treatment for cancer and:

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I had cancer and need a check-up. Where do I go?

If you have had cancer in the past and need to see a doctor for a check-up and:

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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:

Baylor University Medical Center

(214) 820- 0111

Charlton Methodist Hospital

(214) 947- 7777

Medical City Dallas Hospital

(972) 566- 7000

<http://www.medicalcityhospital.com>

Methodist Health System

(214) 947- 8181

<http://www.mhd.com>

Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

(214) 345- 6789

<http://www.phscare.org>

St. Paul University Hospital

(214) 879- 2046

<http://www.stpauldallas.com>

University Hospital – Zale Lipshy Building

(214) 645- 5476

<http://www.utsouthwestern.edu>

Richardson Regional Medical Center

(972) 798- 4000

<http://www.richardsonregional.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**.



This document can be found in PDF format on the Texas Cancer Information Web site at http://www.texascancer.info/access/access_dallas.pdf.

Una versión en español de este documento también se puede encontrar en el formato de PDF en la página de Internet de Texas Cancer Information:

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

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