

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

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

R.E. Thomason General Hospital
PO Box 20009, 4815 Alameda Ave
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 521- 7906

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★ **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>Sun Plaza Clinic 1221 E. San Antonio El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 546-4008</p>	<p>San Vicente Healthcare for the Homeless Program 1208 Myrtle Ave El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 351-8972</p>
<p>Central Clinic 700 South Ochoa El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 545-4550</p>	<p>Roger Naftzger Clinic 3612 Pera Ave El Paso, TX 79905 (915)533-7057</p>
<p>Lisbon Clinic 560 Lisbon El Paso, TX 79905 (915) 778-9200</p>	<p>La Fe C.A.R.E Center 1505 Mescalero Dr El Paso, TX 79925 (915) 772-3366</p>
<p>Northeast Family Practice 4875 Maxwell El Paso, TX 79904 (915) 533-7057</p>	<p>Alameda Health Clinic 8061 Alameda Ave El Paso, TX 79915 (915) 859-7799</p>
<p>Westway Satellite Clinic 1713 Banker Rd. Canutillo, TX 79835 (915) 231-4370</p>	<p>San Elizario Clinic 1313 San Antonio San Elizario, TX 79849 (915) 851-5519</p>

★ The **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center** also has clinics in the community where you might be seen. You will need to call for more information:

<p>Texas Tech Medical Center - Central 4801 Alberta Ave. El Paso, TX (915) 545-6640</p>	<p>Community Partnership Clinics - Far East 14674 Greg Dr., Unit 791 El Paso, TX (915) 857-2638</p>
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Fabens 600 NE 4th St. Fabens, TX (915) 764-6220	Socorro- Far East 313 Rio Vista Dr. El Paso, TX (915) 859-0817
San Elizario 13661 Socorro Rd. El Paso, TX (915) 851-9212	Family Practice Center - Northeast 9849 Kenworthy St. El Paso, TX (915) 757-2581
Sanders Office – Northeast 5229 Sanders El Paso, TX (915) 751-8008	

For U. S. Military Veterans

- ★ If you are a **veteran**, you may be able to be seen at a **VA (Veterans Affairs) 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 **El Paso County**:

El Paso VA Health Care System

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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:

David L Carrasco Job Corps Center 11155 Gateway Blvd West El Paso, TX 79935 (915) 594-0022	Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium 6070 Gateway East, Ste 310 El Paso, TX 79905 (915) 771-6305
Texas Tech University Health Science Center 4800 Alberta Ave El Paso, TX 79905 (915) 545- 6400	

★ Centro San Vicente Cancer Consortium

The Cancer Consortium provides funds to qualifying patients for **uterine and cervical cancer screening**. Screening mammogram, PAP smears and abnormal testing are all covered.

- You must be a current and established patient and have a medical history of breast or uterine cancer.

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

Centro San Vicente Cancer Consortium 8061 Alameda Ave El Paso, TX 79915 (915) 859-7545 or (877) 415-5106
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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
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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:

Del Sol Medical Center

(915) 595- 9000

<http://www.delsolmedicalcenter.com>

Las Palmas Medical Center

(915) 521- 1200

<http://www.laspalmashealth.com>

Providence Memorial Hospital

(915) 577- 6011

<http://www.sphn.com>

R. E. Thomason General Hospital

(915) 521- 7962

Sierra Medical Center

(915) 747- 4000

Southwestern General Hospital

(915) 496- 9600

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://texascancer.info/access/access_elpaso.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_elpaso.pdf.

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