

# Harris 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?*

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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:

<b>Hope Clinic</b> 7001 Corporate Dr., Ste 120 Houston, TX 77036 (713) 773-0803	<b>Humble Health Clinic</b> 1730 Humble Place Dr. Humble, TX 77338 (281) 446-4222	<b>Denver Harbor Clinic</b> 424 Hahlo St Houston, TX 77020 (713) 674-3326
<b>Northside Health Center</b> 8504 Schuller Rd. Houston, TX 77093 (713) 694-5900	<b>Legacy Community Health Center</b> 215 Westheimer Houston, TX 77006 (713) 830-3000	<b>Pasadena CHC</b> 908 Southmore, Ste 100 Pasadena, TX 77506 (713) 554-1091
<b>El Centro de Corazón – Eastwood Clinic</b> 412 Telephone Rd. Houston, TX 77023 (713) 926-6229	<b>El Centro de Corazón - Magnolia Clinic</b> 7037 Capitol St. Houston, TX 77011 (713) 928-9560	<b>El Centro de Corazón – Navigation Clinic</b> 5001 Navigation Houston, TX 77011 (713) 926-1849

<b>Magnolia Health Center</b> 7037 Capitol St. Houston, TX 77011 (713) 928-9800	<b>Lyons Health Center</b> 5602 Lyons Avenue Houston, TX 77020 (713) 671-3041	<b>Spring Branch CHC</b> 1615 Hillendahl Ste 100 Houston, Texas 77055 (713) 462-6565
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★ **Independent Clinics**

Other organizations also sponsor clinics. **Each clinic has its own eligibility requirements, so call the clinic directly for more information:**

<b>Airline Family Medicine Clinic</b> 5808 Airline Dr. Houston, TX 77076 (713) 695-4013	<b>Ibn Sina Foundation</b> Community Clinic Clear Lake 15132 Old Galveston Rd. (Hwy. 3) Webster, TX 77598	<b>San Jose Spring Branch Clinic (Women and Children)</b> 8575 Pitner Houston, TX 77080 (713) 228-9411
<b>Christ Clinic</b> 5504 First. St. Katy, TX 77493 (281)391-0190	<b>Ibn Sina Foundation</b> Community Medical Center 11226 South Wilcrest Houston, TX 77099 (281) 977-7462	<b>Second Mile Mission Center Community Health Clinics</b> 504 FM 1092, Suite I Stafford, TX 77477 (281) 261-9199
<b>Houston Area Community Services</b> 1710 West 25 <sup>th</sup> St. Houston, TX 77008 (713) 426-0027	<b>Independence Heights Community Health Center</b> 4040 Yale Houston, TX 77018 (713) 290-0001	<b>Shalom Zone Ministries</b> 2220 Broadway Houston, TX 77012 (713)454-6474
<b>Houston International Health Fdn.</b> 9630 Clarewood Dr. A-5 Houston, TX 77036 (713) 981-8989	<b>Indian Doctors' Club Charity</b> 6565 DeMoss, Suite 116 Houston, TX 77074 (713)771-2255	<b>TOMAGAWA</b> 13414 Medical Complex Dr. #1 Tomball, TX 77375 (281) 357-0747
<b>Houston Shifa Clinic</b> 10415 Synott Rd. Sugar Land, TX 77478 (281) 561-5767	<b>San Jose Clinic</b> 301 Hamilton Houston, TX 77002 (713) 221-9411	<b>University of Texas Health Services Houston</b> 7000 Fannin, Suite 1620 Houston, TX 77030 (713)500-3248

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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.

★ If you *have* a **Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) Gold Card**, you will need to call one of the following clinics to find out about getting an appointment for a PAP test or mammogram through the BCCS program:

<b>Casa de Amigos Health Center</b> 1615 North Main St Houston, TX 77009 (713) 222-2272	<b>Northwest Health Center</b> 1100 West 34 <sup>th</sup> St. Houston, TX 77018 (713) 861-3939	<b>Baytown Health Center</b> 1602 Garth Rd. Baytown, TX 77520 (281) 427-6757
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<b>Planned Parenthood of Houston &amp; SE Texas, Inc. Fannin Clinic</b> 3601 Fannin, Ste 200 Houston, TX 77004 (713) 522-3976	<b>Planned Parenthood Greenspoint Health Center</b> 11834 Airline Dr. Houston, TX 77037 (281) 820-5305
<b>Planned Parenthood Southwest Health Center</b> 6121 Hillcroft Houston, TX 77081 (713) 541-5372	<b>The Rose – Joan Gordon Center</b> (mammograms only) 3400 Bissonnet, Ste 185 Houston, TX 77005 (713) 668-2996
<b>Planned Parenthood FM 1960 Health Center</b> 3995 FM 1960 West Houston, TX 77068 (281) 587-8081	<b>The Rose</b> 12700 N. Featherwood, Ste 260 Houston, TX 77034 (281) 464-5123
<b>Lone Star Community Health Center</b> 704 Old Montgomery Rd. Conroe, TX 77301 (936) 539-4004	<b>University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Maternal &amp; Child Health Program</b> 301 University Blvd. Galveston, TX 77555 (409) 772-2388 (serves parts of Harris County)

★ Some **school clinics** in Harris County offer **PAP tests for cervical cancer to young women who attend the school**.

These clinics may accept the **HCHD Gold Card, Medicaid, CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program), Title V** or they may have a “sliding scale.” “Sliding scale” means the amount you pay is based on how many family members live in your house and how much money you make. 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.

**Memorial Hermann Health Centers for Schools**  
 (for students at Reagan High School, Hogg Middle School)  
 1100 Merrill St., Building 510  
 Houston, TX 77009  
 (713) 864-7614

★ Teenage girls age 13 to 22 may be able to get a **PAP tests for cervical cancer** at one of these **Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinics** and pay on a “sliding scale.” “Sliding scale” means the amount you pay is based on how many family members live in your house and how much money you make. 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:

<b>Calvalcade Clinic</b> 3815 Calvalcade Houston, TX 77026 (713) 673-1655	<b>Lawn Clinic</b> 8111 Lawn St. Houston, TX 77088 281-847-9970	<b>Ben Taub Hospital</b> 1504 Taub Loop Houston, TX 77030 (713) 873-3601
<b>Cullen Clinic</b> 5737 Cullen, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77021 (713) 440-7313	<b>Lee High School</b> (only for students at Lee High School) 6529 Beverly Hill Lane Houston, TX 77057 (713) 787-1756	<b>LBJ Hospital</b> 5656 Kelley Houston, TX 77026 (713) 566-5612

### Other Screening Programs

★ You may contact the **University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center** to ask about free or low cost screening for prostate cancer and skin cancer that it may offer. The number to call is **1-877-MDA-6789 (1-877-632-6789)**, or visit the website: [http://www.mdanderson.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.mdanderson.org/contact_us/).

★ **Hope Through Grace** is a program that offers free or low cost colorectal cancer screening in the local Houston area. Please call **(713) 668-HOPE (713-668-4673)**, or visit the website for more information: <http://www.hopethroughgrace.org/>.

## Appointments

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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**

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## *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>
  
- ★ For information in both English and Spanish about programs in Harris County, you may visit the **St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities Project Safety Net** Web site: <http://www.slehc.com/CHI/CHIS/PSN/Index.cfm>
  
- ★ 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**.



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