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

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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:

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555 N. Carancahua St., Ste 950
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
(361) 808-3301 or (361) 808-3330

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Nueces County Hospital District
http://www.nchdcc.org

Christus Spohn Hospital - Shoreline
800 Elizabeth St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78404
(361) 988-3000

Christus Spohn Hospital - South
5950 Saratoga Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78414
(361) 988-5000

Christus Spohn Hospital - Memorial
2606 Hospital Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
(361) 902-4000

Christus Spohn Hospital Family Health Center - Northside
1406 Martin Luther King Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
(361) 887-8811

Christus Spohn Family Health Center - Padre Island
14202 S. Padre Island Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
(361) 949-7660

Christus Spohn Family Health Center - Robstown
1038 Texas Yes Blvd.
Robstown, TX 78380
(361) 861-9000

Christus Spohn Family Health Center - Westside
4617 Greenwood Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78416
(361) 857-2872
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:

**Amistad Community Health Center**
1533 Brownlee Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78404
(361) 884-2242

**Corpus Christi Cancer Center**
The Corpus Christi Cancer Center provides screening, diagnosis, treatment and care of cancer patients in the Corpus Christi, the Coastal Bend, and South Texas regions.

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

Corpus Christi Cancer Center
1625 Rodd Field Rd
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412
(361) 993-3456 or (800) 852-0538
http://www.corpuschristicancer.com/index.html

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 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 Nueces County:

**Corpus Christi Outpatient Clinic**
5823 Old Brownsville Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
(361)806-5600

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:

**Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District**
1702 Home Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78416
(361)782-7200

**Robstown Satellite Clinic**
710 East Main
Robstown, TX 78380
(361)767-5241

First Friday

CRISTUS Spohn South Hospital's program First Friday offers free mammograms (breast cancer test) to the uninsured women of Nueces County. Minimum age of 35 years old.

Call one of the clinics below for more information:

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - Memorial
2606 Hospital Blvd
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
(361) 902-4000
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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I have been told I have cancer. Where do I go?

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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.uthscs.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.simmons Cancertcenter.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:

Corpus Christi Medical Center - Bay Area
Corpus Christi Medical Center - Doctors Regional
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:

http://supportorgs.cancer.gov

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/

LIVESTRONG has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call 1-877-236-8820 or visit the Web site: http://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 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 and hospices. You can find support, counseling, education and other help such as transportation, housing and medical equipment by clicking on Find Cancer Services.

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 of all access to care information for Nueces County:

- access_nueces.pdf (English)
- acceso_espanol_nueces.pdf (en español)

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Other information you may find useful:

- General Guidelines for Low-Income or Uninsured Texans Seeking Cancer Care
- Return to Access to Cancer Care by Texas County - Where can I get care?