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

I want to be checked for cancer. Where do I go?

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- You live in Bastrop County
- You make a low income
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- 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.

Bastrop County Indigent Health Care Program

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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:

Bastrop County Indigent Health Care
804 Pecan
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 581-7170

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:

Del Valle Community Health Center
518 FM 973
Del Valle, TX 78617
(512)247-4746

William Cannon Community Health Center
4801 S. IH 35 Ste. 1-E
Austin, TX 78744
(512)251-6094

Pflugerville Community Health Center
15822 Foothill Farms Loop
Pflugerville, TX 78660
(512)251-6094

Manor Community Health Center
600 W. Carrie Manor St.
Manor, TX 78653
(512)272-8891

Montopolis Community Health Center
12008 Montopolis Dr.
Austin, TX 78741
(512)972-6240

Luling Community Health Center
115 South Laurel St.
Luling, TX 78648
(832)875-6399

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
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:

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<td>204 S. Main St., Elgin, TX 78621</td>
<td>(512)281-5520</td>
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<td>Community Health Centers of South Central Texas</td>
<td>226 St. George St., Gonzales, TX 78629</td>
<td>(830)672-6511</td>
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<td>Community Action, Inc.</td>
<td>101 Uhland Rd., Ste 107, San Marcos, TX 78667</td>
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Seton Cancer Screening

Provides low-cost breast screenings for women with low income and no health insurance. A van travels around to locations in Central Texas to provide testing.

- Must be age 40 or older
- Must have low income or no health insurance
- Must not have any current lumps or other breast problems
- Must not have had breast cancer
- Screening cost $10

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

Seton Healthcare Network
5555 N Lamar Blvd Ste D125
Austin, TX 78751
(512) 324-1891

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 been told I have cancer. Where do I go?

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

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

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

Austin Outpatient Clinic
2901 Montopolis Dr.
Austin, TX 78741
(512)389-1010

Map It

Cedar Park CBOC
701 Whitestone Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613
(512)260-1368

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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) 465-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:

Lakeside Hospital at Bastrop
(512)308-9385

Smithville Regional Hospital
(512)337-3214
http://http://www.srhnet.org
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 Bastrop County:

access_bastrop.pdf (English)

acceso_espanol_bastrop.pdf (en español)

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Other information you may find useful:

General Guidelines for Low-Income or Uninsured Texans Seeking Cancer Care

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