

Find Cancer Services

Cancer Prevention, Screening & Treatment

Where do I go if I am uninsured or have a low income?

I need to find a cancer physician.

I need to find a hospital or cancer treatment center.

I need to find a hospice.

Where can I get a mammogram?

Where can I get screened for colon cancer?

How can I prevent cancer?

Cancer Support & Survivorship

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

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

If you want to be checked for cancer and:

- ❖ You live in Galveston 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.

★ Galveston County Indigent Health Care Program

If you live in Galveston County you may be able to get help through the **Galveston County Indigent Health Care 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 Galveston 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 may also need to show a paycheck stub.

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



Galveston County Indigent Health Care Program

722 Moody, Fifth Floor
Galveston, TX 77550|TAB|
(409) 770-5550

★ 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>Island Community Center 4700 Broadway F100 Galveston, TX 77551 (409)938-2234 or (281)309-0255</p> <p></p>	<p>Community Family Center 2000 Texas Ave., Ste. 200 Texas City, TX 77590 (409)938-2234 or (281)309-0255</p> <p></p>
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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 **Galveston County**:

<p>Galveston VA Outpatient Clinic 3828 Ave. N Galveston, TX 77550 (409)761-3200 or (800)553-2278 ext 12600</p> <p></p>	<p>Texas City CBOC 9300 Emmett F. Lowry Expwy, Ste. 206 Texas City, TX 77591 (409)986-2900 or (800)553-2278 ext 12900</p> <p></p>
<p>Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center 2002 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030-4298 (713)791-1414 or (800)553-2278</p>	

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:

Galveston County Health District 1207 Oak St. La Marque, TX 77568 (409)938-7221 	UTMB Regional Maternal & Child Health Program 301 University Blvd. Galveston, TX 77555-1359 (409)747-4952
The Rose - Southeast (for a mammogram) 12700 N. Featherwood, Ste 260 Houston, TX 77034 (281)484-4708 	

★ Galveston County Health District, D'Feet Program

D'Feet Breast Cancer, Inc. is a non-profit organization that gives **free mammograms (breast cancer screenings)** and any necessary follow up care to uninsured and underserved Galveston County women.

In order to qualify for this program you must:

- ❖ Be a resident of Galveston County
- ❖ Be 40 - 60 years old
- ❖ Have a high risk for breast cancer
- ❖ Have no insurance
- ❖ Meet certain income guidelines

Free transportation can be provided if needed

For more information and scheduling call:

D'Feet Breast Cancer, Inc.
6610 Stewart Rd., PMB 67
Galveston, TX 77551
(409) 938-2327 or (409) 938-2270
24 hour hotline: (409) 771-5574

★ 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?

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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.simmonscenter.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:

University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals

Mainland Medical Center

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](http://www.nationalcancer.org) 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 Galveston County.

- ❖ [access_galveston.pdf](#) (English)
- ❖ [acceso_espanol_galveston.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?](#)