

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

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If you want to be checked for cancer and:

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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 and apply for services, so call the number listed for more information.

# Montgomery County Indigent Health Care Program

If you live in Montgomery County you may be able to get help through the **Montgomery County Indigent Health Care Program**.

For more information, call the number, go by the office, e-mail, or visit the website listed below:

# **Montgomery County Hospital District**

1400 South Loop 336 West, Suite #150 Conroe, TX 77304

https://www.mchd-tx.org/hcap/ (Includes eligibility information and application form.)

### 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 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) 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. Clinics that see adult patients are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

### Lone Star Family Health Center - Conroe (Main)

605 S. Conroe Medical Drive Conroe, TX 77304-4722 936-539-4004

https://www.lonestarfamily.org/



# Legacy Community Health Services - Northline Clinic

5598-A1 North Freeway Houston, TX 77076-4702 281-628-2030

https://www.legacycommunityhealth.org/region/northline/



# St. Hope Foundation - Conroe Community Health Center

1414 S. Frazier St Suite 105/106 Conroe, TX 77301-4475 936-441-2440

https://www.offeringhope.org/our-locations



# Lone Star Family Health Center - Spring

440 Rayford Road, Ste. 150 Spring, TX 77386-4169 936-539-4004

https://www.lonestarfamily.org/



### Lone Star Family Health Center - Willis

9516 West FM 1097, Ste 140 Willis, TX 77318-4976 936-539-4004

https://www.lonestarfamily.org/



### Independent Clinics

Other organizations also sponsor clinics. **Each clinic has its own eligibility requirements, services and fee scales, so call the clinic directly for more information.** Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

TOMAGWA Health Care Ministries - Magnolia Location

18230 Farm to Market Rd 1488, Suite 230

Magnolia, TX 77354 281-357-0747

https://tomagwa.org/our-locations/



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# Interfaith Community Clinic

Interfaith Community Clinic is a charity care clinic that provides medical and dental care, counseling and patient service assistance to qualified, uninsured individuals in need.

They provide some cancer screenings such as mammograms, cervical cancer tests, and prostate cancer tests.

To receive care, individuals must make an appointment with a patient services volunteer to assess eligibility prior to seeing a doctor.

Eligibility interviews are conducted by appointment by calling the clinic's main number at (281) 364-7889 during normal business hours.

You must bring identification; proof of income and proof of address to your eligibility interview (see website for further details.

Clinic staff are available to assist you with any questions regarding your eligibility for services.

For more information, call the number below or visit the website:

### **Interfaith Community Clinic**

101 Pine Manor Dr.
Oak Ridge North, TX 77385
(281) 364-7889
info@interfaithcommunityclinic.org
https://interfaithcommunityclinic.org/services/become-a-patient/



### 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 <a href="https://www.va.gov/health-care/">https://www.va.gov/health-care/</a>. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at the number below:

Health Benefits Hotline: 1-877-222-VETS(8387)

You may also call or visit the following VA facilities in or near **Montgomery County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

#### Conroe VA Clinic

690 South Loop 336 West, 3rd & 4th Floors

Conroe, TX 77304-3320

936-522-4000

https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Conroe VA Outpatient Clinic.asp



#### Tomball VA Clinic

1200 W. Main Street

Tomball, TX 77375-5522

281-516-1505

https://www.houston.va.gov/locations/Tomball VA Outpatient Clinic.asp



# Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

2002 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030-4298 713-791-1414

https://www.houston.va.gov/





#### 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)**. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program services include:

- Screening services
  - Clinical breast examination
  - Mammogram
  - Pelvic examination and Pap test
- Diagnostic services
- Cervical dysplasia management and treatment
- Help applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer

You may receive these benefits if you:

- Are a female.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Are between the ages of 18 to 64 years old.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Meet income requirements (200% Federal Poverty Level)

If you have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and don't have health insurance that will pay for your treatment, you may be eligible to receive full Medicaid benefits by applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer. Contact a Breast and Cervical Cancer Services clinic to see if you qualify for this Medicaid program.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/breast-cervical-cancer-services">https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/breast-cervical-cancer-services</a> or call **2-1-1**.

You may also call or visit one of the following BCCS clinics in or near **Montgomery County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

# Harris Health System Baytown Health Center

1602 Garth Rd

Baytown, TX 77520

713-526-4243

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/baytown-health-center.aspx



#### The Rose Galleria

6575 W Loop South, Suite 275 Bellaire, TX 77401 281-484-4708

http://www.therose.org/centers/



**Health Center of Southeast Texas - Cleveland Branch** 307 N William Barnett Ave

**Lone Star Family Health Center - Conroe (Main)** 605 S Conroe Medical Drive Cleveland, TX 77327-4061 281-592-2224

https://hcset.com/locations/cleveland-branch/



# UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Conroe 818 Ringold St

701 E Davis, Ste A Conroe, TX 77301 409-266-1888

https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services



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### Harris Health System Ben Taub Hospital

1504 Taub Loop Houston, TX 77030 713-873-2000

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Conroe, TX 77304-4722

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Houston, TX 77088

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281-448-6391

https://www.lonestarfamily.org/

936-539-4004

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/ben-taub.aspx

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/ac

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# Harris Health System Aldine Health Center

4755 Aldine Mail Route Houston, TX 77039 281-985-7600

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/aldinehealth-center.aspx



# Harris Health System Casa de Amigos Health Center

1615 N Main St Houston, TX 77009 713-222-2272

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/casa-de-amigos-health-center.aspx



### Harris Health System El Franco Lee Health Center

8901 Boone Rd Houston, TX 77099 281-454-0500

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/el-franco-lee-health-center.aspx



### Harris Health System Gulfgate Health Center

7550 Office City Dr Houston, TX 77012 713-495-3700

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/gulfgate-health-center.aspx



# Harris Health System Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital

5656 Kelley St Houston, TX 77026 713-566-5100

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/lb j.aspx



# Harris Health System Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center

3550 Swingle Rd Houston, TX 77047 713-547-1000

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/martinluther-king-jr-health-center.aspx



## Harris Health System Northwest Health Center

1100 W 34th St Houston, TX 77018 713-861-3939

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/northwest-health-center.aspx



### Harris Health System Settegast Health Center

9105 N Wayside Dr Houston, TX 77088 713-633-2020

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/settegast-health-center.aspx



### Harris Health System Smith Clinic

2525 Holly Hall St, Ste A Houston, TX 77054 713-566-3600

https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/smith-clinic.aspx



### Harris Health System Vallbona Health Center

6630 DeMoss St Houston, TX 77074 713-272-2600

<u>https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/vallbona-health-center.aspx</u>



### The Rose Center for Breast Health Excellence

12700 N Featherwood Dr, Suite 260 Houston, TX 77034 281-484-4708

https://www.therose.org/



### UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Katy

511 Park Grove Dr Katy, TX 77450 409-266-1888

https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-services



# CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Hospital Livingston

1717 Hwy Bypass 59 Livingston, TX 77351 936-329-8700

https://www.stlukeshealth.org/locations/memorial-livingston-hospital



# UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program New Caney

21134 US Hwy 59 New Caney, TX 77357 281-577-8966

https://www.utmbhealth.com/services/rmchp/rmchp-ser awberry-health-center.aspx vices

# Harris Health System Strawberry Health Center

927 E Shaw Ave Pasadena, TX 77506 713-982-5900

<u>https://www.harrishealth.org/locations-hh/Pages/strawberry-health-center.aspx</u>



# Project VALET (Free Breast Cancer Screening)

**Project VALET** (Providing Valuable Area Life-Saving Exams in Town) is a mammography education and screening program of <u>The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</u> for asymptomatic women ages 40 to 74, who are uninsured, without county assistance and who are patients in participating clinics. Project VALET (PV) addresses barriers of cost and transportation by bringing free mobile mammography to the communities where eligible women reside. Project VALET also provides women with necessary follow-up diagnostic testing if needed, made possible through partnerships with participating facilities.

How to Get a Screening Mammogram

1) To participate in this program, schedule an appointment with one of the following participating clinics. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

**Lone Star Family Health Center - Conroe (Main)** 605 S. Conroe Medical Drive Conroe, TX 77304-4722

- 2) Receive breast health education, at one of the participating clinics to learn what to expect at a mammogram and the importance of early detection for breast cancer.
- 3) Call and schedule the screening mammogram.

Should diagnostic test(s) be required, patients will be referred to a participating organization that provides services to low-income and uninsured women. Diagnostic exams are paid through Project VALET for women who received a screening mammogram through this program.

For more information on Project VALET, visit <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/breast/">https://www.texascancer.info/breast/</a>.

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### **Healthy Texas Women**

Healthy Texas Women is a program dedicated to offering women's health and family planning at no cost to eligible women in Texas.

Healthy Texas Women provides a wide variety of women's health and core family planning services, including pelvic examinations, breast and cervical cancer screenings, clinical breast examination, mammograms, and other services.

The program pays only for specific services. If a health problem such as cancer is found, you will be referred to a doctor or clinic that can treat you. You can receive these benefits if you:

- Are a woman between the ages of 18 to 44 years old. (Women are considered 18 years of age on the day of her 18th birthday and 44 years of age through the last day of the month of her 45th birthday.)
- Are a woman between the ages of 15 to 17 years old and have a parent or legal guardian apply, renew, and report changes to your case on your behalf. (Women are considered 15 years of age the first day of the month of her 15th birthday and 17 years of age through the day before her 18th birthday.)
- Are a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Are not pregnant.

• Meet the income requirements - monthly family income below 200% Federal Poverty Level. (See website for details.)

For more information, visit the website at <a href="https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply">https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply</a>

or call 2-1-1. Pick a language and then press 2. If you can't connect to 2-1-1, call 1-877-541-7905 (toll-free).

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### Other Screening Programs

### Free Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Texas, but the number of people dying from this disease is dropping. One reason may be that colorectal cancer can be prevented by screening people who do not have any symptoms of cancer.

<u>The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</u> is working with primary care clinics to get this life-saving screening to patients in Texas communities who are not otherwise able to afford or access it.

The FIT stool test is a colon cancer screening exam you can do at home. It is easy and it may save your life. To get a free FIT test through this program you should:

- Have a low-income and no medical insurance
- Be between 45 and 75 years old
- Not have any symptoms of colorectal cancer (rectal bleeding or blood in stool, persistent changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight loss)
- Not have inflammatory bowel disease (acute diarrhea, colitis, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis)

If your FIT test from a participating clinic shows that you have blood in your stool, you will be offered a free colonoscopy.

Contact a clinic from the list, below, to find out if you qualify to receive the free FIT colon cancer test. Patients who have already been diagnosed with colorectal polyps or cancer, or who have family members with colon polyps or colon cancer, should talk to a health care provider at the clinic about screening options. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

These projects are funded in part by the <u>Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)</u>. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/colonscreen.html">https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/colonscreen.html</a>.

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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
- A list of any medicines you are taking right now

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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 websites or call the numbers below:

# The Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine (713) 798-2262

https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center

# Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center 214-645-8300 or 817-882-2700 <a href="https://utswmed.org/cancer/">https://utswmed.org/cancer/</a>

### The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

1-877-MDA-6789 (1-877-632-6789)

https://www.mdanderson.org/about-md-anderson/contact-us.html

# **UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center**

1-800-340-2872 or 210-450-1000 <a href="https://cancer.uthscsa.edu/">https://cancer.uthscsa.edu/</a>

You may want to contact other hospitals in your area that 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. Please visit the Texas Cancer Information Hospitals page at <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html">https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html</a> to search for a hospital in your area that does cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment or continuing care.

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https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/

You may also call the **National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS)** 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 website: <a href="https://www.cancer.org/">https://www.cancer.org/</a>
- LIVE**STRONG** has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call **1-855-220-7777** or visit the website: <a href="https://www.livestrong.org">https://www.livestrong.org</a>
- **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** is a breast cancer helpline. Call **1-877-456-6636 (1-877-GOKOMEN)** or visit the website: <a href="https://www.komen.org">https://www.komen.org</a>
- Visit the **Texas Cancer Information (texascancer.info)** website at <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/">https://www.texascancer.info/</a> for lists of doctors, hospitals, breast, colon and skin cancer screening services and hospices. You can find support, counseling, education and other help such as transportation, housing and medical equipment by clicking on <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/">Find Cancer Services</a>.

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# I have been told I have cancer. Where do I go?

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

- You live in Montgomery County
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Conroe, TX 77304
(936) 523-5114

HCAPeligibility@mchd-tx.org
https://www.mchd-tx.org/hcap/ (Includes eligibility information and application form.)



### 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 <a href="https://www.va.gov/health-care/">https://www.va.gov/health-care/</a>. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at the number below:

Health Benefits Hotline: 1-877-222-VETS(8387)

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- Visit the Texas Cancer Information (texascancer.info) website at <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/">https://www.texascancer.info/</a> for lists of doctors, hospitals, breast, colon and skin 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 (updated 11/17/2021) of all access to care information for Montgomery County. Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at <a href="https://www.texascancer.info/access/">https://www.texascancer.info/access/</a>.

- <u>access montgomery.pdf</u> (English)
- <u>acceso espanol montgomery.pdf</u> (en español)

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