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

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

If you want to be checked for cancer and:
- You live in Tom Green 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.

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

Tom Green County
19 N. Irving St
San Angelo, TX 76903
(325) 659-6504 or (325) 659-6566

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:

La Esperanza Clinic, Inc. - S. Chadbourne
1610 S. Chadbourne St.
San Angelo, TX 76903
(325)658-5339

La Esperanza Clinic - East 31st
35 East 31st St.
San Angelo, TX 76903
(325)658-5339

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 Tom Green County:

San Angelo VA Clinic
2016 Pulliam
San Angelo, TX 76905
(325)658-6138

Odessa Clinic
4141 N. Tanglewood, Ste. 201
Odessa, TX 79762
(432)550-0149
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>2010 Pecos St.</td>
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<td>San Angelo, TX 76902</td>
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<td>(325)944-8605</td>
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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 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) 645-460-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:

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<td>(325)949-9511</td>
<td><a href="http://www.sacmc.com">http://www.sacmc.com</a></td>
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<td>Shannon Medical Center</td>
<td>(325)653-6741</td>
<td><a href="http://www.shannonhealth.com">http://www.shannonhealth.com</a></td>
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<td>Concho County Hospital</td>
<td>(915)869-5911</td>
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<td>Medical Center Hospital System</td>
<td>(432)640-4000</td>
<td><a href="http://www.mchodessa.com">http://www.mchodessa.com</a></td>
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<td>Midland Memorial Hospital</td>
<td>(432)685-1111</td>
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