

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic set



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Cherokee County Health Department has been awarded a grant to offer Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) to uninsured low income women in Cherokee and surrounding counties. To celebrate October Breast Cancer

Awareness Month and to kick off its new BCCS program, Cherokee County Health Department has partnered with the Texas Cooperative Extension Agency and the Linwood-Baptist Church to host the first BCCS Clinic on October

18th. The clinic will be located at the health department, 593 N. Main Street in Rusk. Linda Henderson, BSN, NP, will provide the screens on that day and be available to answer questions.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program provides clinical breast examinations, Pap test, education, and other diagnostic services at low cost to eligible women. Eligible women age 50 and over and any women with an abnormal clinical breast exam will be referred for a mammogram at no additional cost. Eligible women who have a positive finding may also be eligible for cancer treatment through the Medicaid Treatment Act program.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer diagnosed among women in Texas. Cervical cancer ranks seventh in the leading cancers diagnosed among Texas women. Surviving breast or cervical cancer depends on how early the cancer is detected. The best way to detect breast or cervical cancer in its early stages is through regular screenings.

Most doctors feel that early detection test for breast cancer save many thousands of lives each year. Many more lives could be saved if

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even more women and their health care providers took advantage of these tests. Following the American Cancer Society guidelines for the early detection of breast cancer improves the chances that breast cancer can be diagnosed at an early stage and treated successfully.

Women in their 20's and 30's should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a periodic (regular) health exam provided by a health professional. It is preferable to have these exams every three years. After the age of 40, women should have a breast exam by a health professional every year. Women age 40 and older should have screening mammogram every year and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health.

About 3,670 women will die from cervical cancer in the United States during 2007. Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women.

For more information and an appointment, please call the Cherokee County Health Department at 903-683-4688. Eligibility screens can be done over the phone.

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