

YWCA Breast & Cervical Health Initiative

Group 14

➤ Population Served

- Low-income individuals
- Both insured and uninsured patients (patients on avg 200% below poverty level)
- 65% Hispanic; 11% African American women
- Provides service for 18 counties in the South Plains
- 500 clients annually

➤ Services Provided

- Provides financial assistance for:
 - Mammograms
 - Diagnostic mammograms
 - Colposcopies
 - Pre-chemo treatments
 - Biopsies
 - Cervical cancer screenings
- Collaborates with TTUHSC, Covenant, UMC and over 150 other rural medical providers
- Assists patients diagnosed with cervical or breast cancer apply for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer
 - Medicaid does not pay for breast reconstruction in females

➤ Clients' Health Needs

- Provides screening for breast and cervical cancer
- YWCA helps link patients to resources and services for their needs, such as survivor support groups
- Men with breast cancer are not covered
- In about 9 weeks the individuals are transferred from the diagnosis stage to treatment with affiliated hospitals

➤ Clients' Health Information Needs

- Provides a community for patients where individuals can encourage and empower one another
- The organization also publishes and arranges written health information and other resources

➤ Advice for Physicians

- Meeting people where they are is very important!
- Since the patients come from a wide range of cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds and are relying on you and your expertise for their wellbeing, it is critical for you to be both understanding of their perspective and empathetic to their situation.

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1 IN 8 WOMEN

in the United States will develop
breast cancer in her lifetime.