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Flight Assistance For Children & Adults

Intercontinental and Hobby are the two Houston area airports that you can fly into. Listed below are the airlines / organizations that have in the past provided families with free or reduced medical airfare. The United Brachial Plexus Network, Inc. has a "Wings Program" that can assist you in getting free or reduced airfare by providing you with a letter from a non-profit organization when required. Contact UBPN, Inc. toll free at (866) 877-7004 or info@ubpn.org. It is helpful if you do some research first and find out which airlines have non-stop service to Houston. One easy way to do this is to check www.orbitz.com.

If your airline is not listed, call them directly and ask if they have a special program for medical airfare. It is common for airlines to donate unused mileage to children and families in need. Some airlines/ organizations donate seats for one parent and one child and some airlines donate seats for both parents and the child.

- ? Miracle Flights For Kids: www.miracleflights.org (702) 261-0497 or (800) 359-1711.
- ? Care Force: Bob Jack (281) 261-6626, PO Box 3816, Humble, TX 77347
- ? Northwest Airlines Kid's Care Program: Fax Jennifer Geiger at (612) 726-3942 with your request.
- ? Southwest Airlines: Tracie Martin (214) 904-4103
- ? American Airlines Miles For Kids: (817) 963-8118, Fax (817) 931-6890
- ? Continental Airlines - Meeting Works Department: (800) 468-7022
- ? National Patient Travel Center: www.patienttravel.org (800) 296-1217
- ? Mercy Medical Airlift: (800) 296-1217
- ? Angel Flight SE: (800) 352-4256
- ? Air LifeLine: (877) 247-5433 www.airlifeline.org (has special arrangements with Methodist Hospital)
- ? World Life Foundation: (800) 289-5433
- ? Wing of Freedom: (407) 363-1991

Car Seat & Stroller Information: Please bring a car seat and stroller for your child. You can bring your stroller all the way down the gate and right to the airplane door at which time it will be tagged and stored. When you arrive at your destination, your stroller will be waiting for you at the airplane door.

Hotels

There are many fine hotels located in the area near the Texas Medical Center. The four closest ones are listed below. These hotels may offer special discounts and /or extra amenities for the Texas Medical Center patients and/or visitors including free shuttle service to the hospitals and the surrounding area. Some offer a "Brachial Plexus Clinic Rate". Entertainment Card and AAA card discounts are usually available if you make your reservations early, and for certain days.

For current rates or information on services provided, contact the hotels/motels directly.

- ? Crowne Plaza Houston Medical Center - 6701 South Main - (713) 797-1110
- ? Houston Marriott Medical Center Hotel - 6580 Fannin - (713) 796-0080
- ? Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - Houston Medical Center - 6800 South Main - (713) 528-7744
- ? Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites At Medical Center - 6700 South Main (713) 522-2811

Transfers To and From Hobby & Intercontinental Airports

There is a standard zone/rate schedule for taxis. This schedule is posted at the taxi stand at each airport and inside each taxi. Please confirm this rate with the taxi driver before you enter the vehicle.

Some patients / visitors choose to use private Town Car drivers. Their rates are comparable to the taxis and a current listing can be found at www.limos.com.