

Many Tourists are having Medical Procedures Done in Other Countries Other than their Own

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The spiraling cost of healthcare has contributed to the growth of Medical Tourism. Some North American tourists have traveled as far as Mexico, Costa Rica and Brazil to have procedures such as hip and knee replacement, cardiac procedures and neurosurgery. Wikipedia.com says the definition of Medical Tourism refers to the travel of people to another Country for the purpose of obtaining Medical treatment in that Country. Some procedures are very costly in North America which encourages tourists to evaluate other options. Asian Nations such as Indian, Thailand and Singapore have taken the lead in marketing their hospitals and counties to this new wave of medical tourists, most of whom are baby boomers hailing from countries in North America, Europe and the Middle East.medicaltourism.com. The area that is visited for the medical procedure could leave the tourists in awe of the culture, attractions, landscapes and history. Traveling can be inspiring, educational, revitalizing and overwhelming all at the same time.

Medical Tourism is not a vacation per se, although many aspects of tourism are engaged to some degree or another. Medicaltourism.com. Surgery is a risky procedure regardless of where it is performed. Many tourists travel to other countries for medical procedures that cost less. Procedures are 50 to 80 percent less expensive than the same procedure in The United States. There are many reasons why medical procedures are less in other Countries, such as cheaper medical supplies/equipment, less bureaucracy/red tape, lower labor costs and cost for construction to build hospitals.

When considering having surgery in another country, do your research on the area and keep in mind most of the Doctors performing the surgery was trained in the United States. If the tourists decide to have the procedure, view it as an exotic vacation while taking care of their medical needs in a less expensive way.

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