



## Medical Tourism and Healthcare

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### Abstract:

A new known as medical tourism has emerged to health care systems world wide

It is where in Patients of preferred travelling across borders to receive their healthcare from other countries.

Medical tourism is becoming increasingly popular, and it is projected that as many as 750,000 Americans will seek offshore medical care in 2007.

This phenomenon is driven by marketplace forces and occurs outside of the view and control of the organized healthcare system.

Some people travel for care because treatment is cheaper in another country.

Others may be immigrants who prefer to return to their home country for health care.

Still others may travel to receive a procedure or therapy not available in their residential area.

The most common procedures that people undergo on medical tourism trips include cosmetic surgery, dentistry, and heart surgery.

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